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# PARENTS USE LAWYERS TO WIN SCHOOL PLACES

## Recession blamed as fight for grammars intensifies

By JENNA PUDELEK

ROCKETING numbers of parents are turning to lawyers and paying out thousands of pounds to try and get their children into the county's best schools.

Experts say the recession is partly to blame for the rise in admissions appeals, as parents who would have put their children into private education fight for grammar school places.

### Increase

A solicitor specialising in admissions appeals said her firm was seeing an annual 20 per cent increase in the number of families seeking its legal advice.

And Peter Read, who runs Kent Independent Education Advice, said he had also seen a rise in the number of parents in the county contacting lawyers, who he said were charging "astonishing" sums.

The former headteacher said more parents were also turning to his service for advice on admissions appeals.

"I've certainly seen an increase," he said. "My website is probably a fairly good indicator.

"During the appeal season, which is around March to April, I'm busy, but this year I'm still having people approaching me unhappy and wanting to make appeals.

"The appeals season has extended out of proportion and some people are already unhappy about the schools they are going to."

Pupils are currently preparing to take the county's 11-plus exam, the Kent Test, on September 15 and 16. Students living outside the county will take the test on September 19.

The results will be out in mid October and families then have until the middle of November to put down their school choices. The Medway Test will take place on October 17.

All parents have the right of appeal for admission to any school they have listed on their preference form. The appeals are heard by an independent panel.

This year parents lodged 2,593 appeals against allocated school places in Kent and Medway.

Mr Read said his website was getting 500 hits a day during the appeals season.

He said: "That has shot up from the previous year. During June and July the site was still getting hit 150 times a day."

Anita Chopra, of education law specialists Match Solicitors, said the firm, which is based

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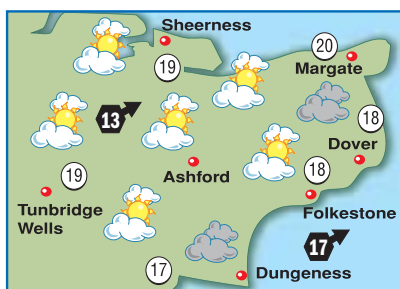
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## Kent today



**TODAY:** Remaining dry. There will also be a reasonable amount of sunshine, though cloud will tend to increase as the day progresses. Moderate south-westerly winds. Max temp 17-20C (63-68F).

**TONIGHT:** Often cloudy with the chance of occasional rain. Moderate winds. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	19	66	London	cloudy	19	66
Belfast	rain	16	61	Liverpool	cloudy	17	63
Birmingham	cloudy	17	63	Manchester	cloudy	17	63
B'mouth	cloudy	18	64	Newcastle	fair	17	63
Bristol	cloudy	16	61	Norwich	fair	20	68
Cardiff	rain	17	63	Oxford	cloudy	18	64
Cork	rain	16	61	Southsea	cloudy	19	66
Edinburgh	cloudy	16	61	S'hampston	fair	18	64
Glasgow	rain	16	61	Southport	cloudy	16	61
Isle of Man	rain	16	61	Swansea	rain	17	63
Leeds	cloudy	16	61	Torquay	rain	17	63





## Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.16am	Sunset	7.31pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	7.36pm	Moonset	8.22am	7.31pm to 6.17am

## High Tides

	today	tomorrow
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Dover	00.35 6.4 12.50 6.7	01.03 6.5 13.18 6.7
Margate	01.47 4.5 13.44 4.6	02.13 4.5 14.12 4.7
St Mary's	06.26 5.4 18.42 5.6	06.56 5.5 19.12 5.6

## Week ahead

 <b>monday</b> Cloudy. Dry. max 21C min 14C	 <b>thursday</b> Sunny spells. max 22C min 12C
 <b>tuesday</b> Sunny spells. max 23C min 13C	 <b>friday</b> Sunny spells. max 21C min 12C
 <b>wednesday</b> Sunny spells. max 22C min 12C	 <b>saturday</b> Sunny spells. max 21C min 13C

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# 'There are simply not enough good schools to go around'

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in central London, handles cases from across England. She said she has acted against Kent County Council as well as most local authorities in the country.

"We set up Matches four-and-a half years ago and year-on-year we see roughly a 20 per cent increase the number of parents who come to us in March, June and July for help with admissions and appeals," she said.

"I get an influx of parents who come to us for assistance, this year we had a lot who have come to prepare themselves for next year and how to complete the application form."

"Some actually want to go one step further after the appeal because they have not had a solicitor on board before and take it to judicial review or the Ombudsman."

Ms Chopra said her services could cost around £2,000 depending on the complexities of the case.

"Parents feel it's their child's education which will set them up for life," she said.

"Since the economic crisis it is perhaps the parents who would have chosen private schools who now want a grammar school or the best schools in the borough."

## Affluent

"It is getting tougher and tougher for parents to get into good schools. There are simply not enough good schools around."

Charities have said the use of lawyers in appeals was another example of more affluent parents exerting an unfair advantage over poorer families.

Kent education advisor Mr Read, who said he charges between £300 and £450 to pre-

pare for appeals panels, said: "I've seen an increase and had people who have contacted lawyers who seem to be charging astonishing sums of money."

He said Kent's selective education system, which includes grammar schools, academies and faith schools, made appeals more complex than elsewhere.

This year, Medway Council received 148 appeals against allocated school places. Of the 86 heard by the panel so far, parents lost in 48 cases.

A spokeswoman said: "The council works with guidelines set out in the admissions code of practice which allows parents to be represented, if they wish, although we are not aware of any significant increase in the number of families who are choosing to instruct the services of a solicitor."

Figures were not available, but

she said the number of appeals this year has not increased from last year and 90 per cent of pupils in Medway are offered their first or second choice school.

KCC said there was no need for families to go down the route of hiring a lawyer.

A spokesman said the Department for Schools provides a guide for families on admissions and appeals and Kent Choice Advisors offer help and support as well.

This year there were 586 appeals lodged for schools, including grammar schools, and a further 1,859 for foundation and voluntary aided secondary schools, he said.

But County Hall said new appeals were still being lodged, and the final figure would rise.

KCC was unable to provide appeals figures for 2008.

# Jail for shopaholic who stole money from work

By **IAN READ**

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A BOOK-KEEPER who was addicted to shopping "like a junkie to heroin" stole from her employers to buy the husband she met on holiday a new car and house.

Hayley Mwemi-Harris, 25, who worked for specialist building firm RJ Parry and Sons of Faversham, stole £311,806 during a four-year period ending in mid-2008.

She was able to continue her thieving because she was the only person in the firm who knew how to work the accounts computer.

Mwemi-Harris married hotel barman Brian Mwemi last year and spent £50,000 buying him a car to use as a taxi and renovate his rundown flat near Mombassa.

But this week a judge at Maidstone Crown Court sent her to prison for three years.

Mwemi-Harris previously admitted three charges of obtaining money by deception and one of fraud, and asked for 43 other offences to be taken into consideration.

Mwemi-Harris began cooking the computer

accounts in 2004 and wouldn't have been caught but for boss Richard Parry noticing an odd debit on his personal account.

The fraud was discovered just as she returned from her latest holiday in Kenya.

When confronted by police, Harris admitted she'd inflated her wages, used credit cards in the name of employees who'd left the firm, and used credit cards in her name to buy plasma TVs and laptop computers.

## Designer clothes

She bought clothes on a lavish scale over the net from designer firms like Abercrombie and Fitch.

When police raided her home in Hyde Place, Aylesham, near Canterbury, they found piles of unworn designer clothes and top-of-the-range shoes still in their boxes.

Jo Cope, prosecuting, said: "Mr Parry thought the company was losing money

because he had underestimated a contract.

"He had no idea his book-keeper was taking large amounts of money from him."

The firm is once again on a sound footing after winning work from celebrities like Mick Jagger and advertising company Saatchi and Saatchi.

James Harrison, defending, said Mwemi-Harris had an obsession with shopping.

He said: "The quantities started small but became larger and larger. She had a compulsion to shop like a heroin addict needs a fix."

"She was obsessed with spending money."

"She even tried hypnotherapy to stop her compulsive spending. If she hadn't been stopped she would have kept on going."

Sentencing her, Judge James O'Mahony said Mwemi-Harris acted out of greed and selfishness.

He said: "In a time of recession you took money out of your firm's pocket, jeopardising the futures of the people who worked there."

"To claim you were out of your depth cuts no ice with me. The money you obtained was fool's gold and it has brought you here now."



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# Beach's bleak opening to thrilling new movie

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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MARGATE'S "bleak and dramatic" coastline provided the inspiration for a corporate espionage thriller, written and directed by a Kent filmmaker.

Simon Welsford, who has lived in the Thanet town for six years, made *Jetsam* on a shoestring budget of £2,500 and after finally securing a cinema release he is attracting attention from critics.

"Just living here and the whole idea came to me while I was walking along the coastline, like I do regularly, looking for inspiration," he said. "I came up with this idea of setting a film around someone being washed up on a beach.

"The beach at Margate is very special looking and the film literally grew from that one image into the finished script and film."

The film begins when a woman (actress Alex Reid) is washed up on a beach, appearing not to know where or who she is. After walking along the seemingly deserted sands, she discovers a man (Jamie Drevan) who looks like he's in the same predicament. He recognises her and attacks her and she runs away.

Mr Welsford, 38, said: "The film is all about him chasing her along the coastline, coming back and forward in time to find the context and how they've ended up there.

"It becomes a time-shifting thriller, a story about spies and corporate espionage."

For his first full-length film, the moody Margate beach provides a bleak and atmos-



**JETSAM:** Margate beach provided the inspiration for filmmaker Simon Welsford, inset

pheric backdrop, which is contrasted with the busy chaos of London in the flashback scenes.

"It was very atmospheric, we filmed in early May and there were bleak stormy skies and lightning," he said. "It was windy and rainy and really what we wanted."

The film was shot between Palm Beach and Reculver and reaches its climax at the ruined towers.

"Reculver is an old church that's very visible along the coastline. Something happened there in the past and they work their way towards it," he said.

"They end up there for the denouement. It happens in flashbacks to London, cuts backwards and forwards – the journey to Reculver cutting to scenes in London."

*Jetsam* premiered at the London Film Festival in 2007 where it was named Best Low Budget Feature.

Mr Welsford said it could take a long time to find a distributor for low-budget films. After spending time on the festival circuit the film is now showing in London cinemas.

Critics have been positive about his first move away from short films and television work. The Observer said "there is real promise here".

The Times praised the film's mystery, adding: "Welsford keeps it moving smoothly. A useful calling card". And the Guardian's critic said its boldness and originality left him looking forward the Kent director's next project.

## Gala night awaits KOS Media's £1m challenge winners

THE winners of KOS Media's £1 million Business Challenge will be announced at a gala dinner next month.

In response to the economic downturn, the award-winning publisher gave businesses in Kent the chance to win a share of what is thought to be the highest value prize fund ever offered in the county.

Now, at the Tudor Park Hotel and Country Club in Maidstone on October 29, the winners of each of the 10 categories will be announced and presented with their share of the £1 million advertising, marketing and PR prize fund.

Tables are available at £50 each and the evening will include a two-course dinner, followed by the awards ceremony.

Demand is expected to be high, so tickets are initially being limited to a maximum of two per business/organisation.

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## Bloodgate doctor 'outside rugby panel's jurisdiction'

THE doctor who allegedly used a scalpel to deliberately injure the rugby player at the centre of the 'bloodgate' scandal will not face further investigation by the European Rugby Cup (ERC).

In its final judgement, the appeal committee ruled it did not have the jurisdiction to consider the appeal against Dr Wendy Chapman, of Sevenoaks, who works as an A&E consultant at Maidstone Hospital.

She originally faced no penalty from the rugby authorities over the affair, but after fresh evidence from the 'injured' player Tom Williams, there was an appeal against the ruling not to punish her.

Dr Chapman, 46, became caught up in the affair that saw Guinness Premiership side Harlequins use a fake blood capsule during a Heineken Cup quarter-final against Leinster on April 12, when she was one of two doctors employed on the match day by the club to deal with blood injuries.

Williams claimed that after he came off the field, Dr Chapman deliberately cut his lip in an effort to cover up the fact he had used a blood capsule.

The panel stated: "While the appeal panel made no determination to the truth of Williams' allegations, it did suggest that if the allegation is correct that Williams was cut by her, Dr Chapman's actions may have been influenced by the intense pressure of

the situation that [Dean] Richards [former Harlequins rugby director] had placed her in.

"It is apparent the atmosphere in the physio's room and changing room afterwards was fraught, heated and intense.

"It is not surprising that persons inexperienced in such circumstances should have become swept up in events, perhaps panicked and exercised misjudgements even serious misjudgements based on some misplaced loyalties to individuals and the club."

Richards was heavily criticised as the "directing mind" in the 99-page report, which was published on Wednesday, after claims from Williams that Dr Chapman had deliberately inflicted a wound on him after he left the field with a fake mouth injury.

But the ERC's panel found it was Richards who had "central control of everything that happened" both in the fake blood injury and subsequent cover-up which has shaken the world of rugby to its core. It is not clear whether Dr Chapman will face further action from the medical profession over her alleged actions.

The General Medical Council is refusing to confirm whether it is investigating because until a hearing is scheduled the regulator has a duty of confidentiality. Maidstone Hospital has not taken any action against Dr Chapman and she is still working in the casualty department.



**FAKE:** Tom Williams leaving the field

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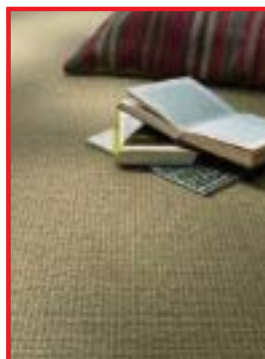
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# We're flying the flag for insolvency tourism

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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**BANKRUPT** Germans are taking advantage of more lenient insolvency rules in the UK by joining a growing expat community in Kent.

Affluent Tunbridge Wells has become a safe haven for German businessmen and women, who are paying Erith-based firm Insolvenz Agentur up to £7,000 each to help them resettle in the town. Insolvency laws in Germany mean bankrupts can only escape their debts after seven years, compared to just 12 months in the UK.

Insolvenz Agentur founder Marcus Kray told Kent on Sunday that such a discrepancy made the UK an obvious destination for desperate foreigners. They move here to declare themselves bankrupt, rather than face the music at home.

He said: "If you went bankrupt in Germany and couldn't afford to pay your debts, then you would obviously consider moving somewhere where the laws are different – anybody would. The German Government could follow the UK's lead, but it doesn't want to. Maybe they want to punish the people who go bankrupt."

Mr Kray's firm works with a number of estate agents to provide its clients with flats near other Germans who have also previously settled in Tunbridge Wells.

He said the town already had a thriving expat community, as did the village of Greenhithe, near Dartford, where the bankrupt businessmen are also relocating.

Mr Kray claims to have helped more than 150 Germans resettle in Kent since 2007, with 85 per cent deciding to stay on after their debts have disappeared.



**DIFFERENT LAWS:** In Britain it takes just 12 months to clear insolvency debts, compared to seven years in Germany

In Germany, bailiffs can seize any earnings over 980 euros (about £862) a month for seven years.

Mr Kray said: "We help people relocate, get a new job and have a better life here. Anything is better than staying at home for many of them. Here in Kent they have other German speakers nearby, as well as German dentists and doctors who can treat them in their own language."

Neil Smyth is an insolvency specialist and partner with the law firm Taylor Wessing, which has offices in both the UK and Germany. He admitted his colleagues abroad had received queries about whether the firm could assist and advise them in moving to England.

Mr Smyth added: "If they have a genuine reason to resettle here we are happy to assist. But if they only want to live here for a year to escape their debts, then that's something we're not keen on."

"That's what happens when you have different jurisdictions and different bankruptcy rules."

"I've also heard of people moving from the Republic of Ireland – which has a 12-year rule – to Northern Ireland, and between Germany and France."

"Inevitably there will be greater movement as people become more transient and savvy in how they should deal with their debts."

According to the Insolvency Service – which forms part of the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform – there were only 59 cases nationally last year where a debtor began bankruptcy proceedings in England or Wales after appearing to have been a resident for less than 12 months. In 21 of these cases there was evidence to suggest there had been no real relocation to the UK.

A spokesman said: "Compared to overall bankruptcy figures of more than 60,000, these are extremely low, and we believe the number of bankruptcy tourists is below reported levels."

"However, the service examines the affairs of recently re-located foreign nationals very closely, and, if there is evidence the order ought not to have been made in the courts of England and Wales, we will report the matter with a view to having the bankruptcy order cancelled. So far there have been seven successful applications."

## Gurkha's poll win

FORMER Gurkha fighter Tashi Bhutia was elected in Medway's Luton and Wayfield ward by-election on Thursday.

The Conservative received 1,042 votes – just four ahead of Labour's Sam Whittington.

The turnout was 30 per cent.

## Officer on trial

A POLICE officer is among four people charged with conspiring to set a vehicle on fire and to steal money from a home in Gravesend.

Harish Dubb, 21, of Warwick Place, who is also accused of perverting the course of justice, appeared at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday.

His co-defendants are bouncer Amanjit Sandhu, 21, of Cherrywood Drive; and students Gurveer Singh Rai, 21, of Suffolk Road, and Baljinder Kang, 22, of Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

All four were granted bail but have been banned from re-entering Kent until their next court appearance on September 14.

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# Now's your chance to quiz police chief

THIS is your chance to find out more about the police officers who look after our county.

Next month Kent Police's Chief Constable Michael Fuller has agreed to answer questions from our readers about any aspect of policing.

It is the second week of our A Safer Kent campaign looking behind the scenes at Kent Police to discover some of the stories behind the headlines as our 3,640 police officers help look after a population of 1.65 million people.

Last week we told you about the launch of the Neighbourhood Task Teams and this week, on page 13, you can learn about the man who came from one of Britain's most notorious areas for gun crime to Kent bringing his expertise to ensure we remain alert and protected.

Next week we will look at the devastating effects of drugs on one family and find out how, by working with the police, the mother is help-

ing to make life safer for other youngsters.

So, to ask Chief Constable Michael Fuller a question about policing email your question to editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or write to A Safer Kent, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR.

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**QUESTIONS:** Chief Constable Michael Fuller

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## Jools' picnic for our returning war heroes

MUSICIAN Jools Holland entertained Royal Engineers back from operations in Afghanistan at a picnic at Cooling Castle, near Rochester.

Seventy Corps members and their partners from the Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham; 36 Engineer Regiment, Maidstone; and representatives of all other UK-based engineer regiments attended Tuesday's private party in the grounds of his 14th century home.

Holland, who is a Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, said: "The Lieutenantcy's campaign to encourage greater public support for our Armed Forces and their families is one of its most important ongoing initiatives.

"It's nothing to do with politics, nor whether people agree with the military action or not. It's simply about showing support for our service personnel and their families.

"My wife Christabel and I wanted to show

our support for the people coming back from the frontline by giving them a nice afternoon of relaxing and enjoying themselves after having had a pretty unpleasant time where they've been.

"They are also pleased that some people from the village have come here to support them, too."

The Commandant of the Royal School of Military Engineering, Brigadier Nick

Baveystock, said: "It's fantastic that people are taking us to their hearts and looking after us by doing things like this."

Members of the Traditional Jazz Group from the Royal Engineers' Corps Band volunteered to come back early from leave to play at the picnic and were joined by the Later presenter, who played and sang Honeysuckle Rose and The Sunny Side of the Street.

# Keep classrooms clean

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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## NHS chiefs fear surge in swine flu cases as pupils return after summer holidays

PARENTS and teachers have been urged to ensure children returning to school this week practice good hygiene in a bid to prevent the spread of swine flu.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent said the spread of the H1N1 virus had slowed during the school holidays, but a surge in the number of cases was widely anticipated among pupils once the new term starts.

Andrew Scott-Clark, the primary care trust's deputy director of public health, urged parents and schools to follow simple measures to reduce the transmission of swine flu in the school community.

"The start of a new school year is an exciting time and we know that parents, teachers and students will already have a lot to be thinking about," he said.

"But it's important that children go back to school, not back to bugs, and there are very simple ways we can all help to reduce the transmission of swine flu.

"Practice good hygiene – cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw it away as soon as possible afterwards. Always remember to Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.

"Wash your hands regularly, particularly after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose."

He said the number of people contacting their GP with swine flu-like symptoms had fallen over the past week to 18 per 100,000 of population, compared to 25 per 100,000 the week before.

But he said it was even more important that people were still practicing good hygiene.

He said the Eastern and Coastal Kent

region was prepared for the second wave expected in the autumn, and added: "We have 58 antiviral collection points and we are asking the public to make sure they have their 'flu friend' in place to collect antivirals and to help out if they become housebound."

The Government has sent out a factsheet and advice about swine flu to headteachers across the country in preparation for the new school year.

They include swine flu facts and symptoms, and repeat good hygiene procedures and what to do if staff and children begin to show symptoms.

Lisa Maidment, school years lead for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Services said schools across Kent and Medway were already taking part in the Healthy

Schools Programme so they understand the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy school environment.

Dr Alison Barnett, NHS Medway's director of public health, added: "However, in the face of the swine flu pandemic, it is particularly important that people remember simple and easy ways to reduce the spread of infection.

"If children develop influenza-like symptoms, it is important that parents keep them away from school until they are well.

"Equally, if you work at a school and develop flu symptoms, you should also remain at home until your symptoms have reduced."

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# Landlord's big move

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A MULTI-millionaire landlord says his hefty frame was one of the factors behind the decision to sell his 700-home property empire.

Former maths teacher Fergus Wilson, 61, hit the headlines this week when he and his wife Judith, 59, announced they were looking to take advantage of rising house prices by offloading their huge property portfolio in one go.

However, the Maidstone businessman told Kent on Sunday there were other issues he had considered besides mortgages and interest rates.

He said: "I'll be 71 in 10 years' time and 81 in 20 years' time – that's if I even make it that far.

"I'm quite a large man and I have to be realistic because I wouldn't want to leave my wife and children with the problem of selling all the properties off.

"I'm broken-hearted to sell the business but we knew we had to do it at some time.

"It's a bit like bringing a child up in that you nurture it and watch it grow over the years, but sooner or later you have to let it go.

"There's no better time to do it because the interest rates are bound to go up after the next General Election. Everything seems to be telling us that we should be selling up now.

"I think I will miss it but I'll have lots of other things to keep me occupied."

Mr and Mrs Wilson first met while training as teachers in the 1960s but did not venture into the housing market for another 20 years, when they rented out their home in Maidstone



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**FOR SALE:** Multi-millionaire property owner Fergus Wilson, pictured with wife Judith, says now is the right time for the couple to sell their portfolio, which has been valued at £180m

and used it to pay the mortgage of another they had purchased a few doors down.

Earlier this year the couple were placed 793rd on the Sunday Times Rich List with a combined value of £70 million.

Last year their property portfolio – which centres around Ashford but also includes homes in Maidstone, Folkestone and Hawkinge – was valued at £180m, and their decision to sell has attracted mainstream media attention.

Mr Wilson said: "The telephone hasn't stopped ringing. I would think we had somewhere between 18 and 20 calls when people found out we were selling.

"I knew it would attract attention because the whole housing market has picked up again, but I think in a month or so it could be a whole different ballgame."

Meanwhile, Mr Wilson confirmed to KoS that he and his wife were appealing against a judge's decision to dismiss their £3,000 claim against former tenants who broke a toilet cistern lid.

The couple want Allan Hall and Emma Jackson to pay for an entirely new bathroom because they were unable to find a matching replacement, but were told by Deputy District Judge Christopher Cagney that their claim was "exaggerated".

## Ex-council chief on fraud charges

A FORMER leader of Bexley Council has been charged with five offences relating to the use of a corporate credit card while he was a deputy to London Mayor Boris Johnson.

Ian Clement, 44, resigned as London deputy mayor for external relations in June over the allegations about expenses.

Clement, from Crayford, is alleged to have paid for meals out on his corporate credit card.

He has been accused of five offences under the Fraud Act and will appear at City of Westminster Magistrates' Court on Tuesday.

Clement was Tory leader of Bexley Council from July, 2007, to May, 2008.

His lawyer Jeremy Summers, of Russell Jones & Walker, said: "[Mr Clements] has co-operated fully with the [CPS] investigation, which relates to five meal expense claims which have a total value of £227.

"In the context of other and far more significant investigations it is a matter of regret that political expediency appears to be present."

## MP in call to tone down sex on TV

THERE should be much stricter codes about explicit sexual material on TV, according to the Tory Canterbury MP Julian Brazier.

In his submission to regulator Ofcom on its consultations about the Broadcasting Code, he wrote: "Family breakdown is one of the great scourges of our time and surely at least part of the reason why two international surveys have concluded that Britain is the worst country in the developed world for children to grow up in.

"Elaborate measures are developing to protect children from unsuitable internet material.

"Tightening, rather than loosening, controls on television should, I believe, go hand in hand with these."



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## Arsonists attack cruiser on river

POLICE have launched an investigation after a sailing boat was torched by arsonists on the River Medway in Maidstone.

The 23ft blue cabin cruiser – named Malibu – was set on fire between 4.30-5am on Sunday, August 30.

It is thought the vessel was set alight near High Level Bridge at Fairmeadow.

Anyone with information can call Maidstone police on 01622 690055.

## Training success

A MOCK aeroplane crash put emergency services staff to the test at Lydd airport.

More than 80 police, fire and ambulance workers took part in Wednesday's training exercise, which also tested the response of control room operators.

The operation, entitled Titan, was designed to simulate how the airport would respond to a major incident involving a commercial aircraft crash.

## Catch Ashes urn

SPECTATORS at Kent County Cricket Club's final game of the season will have the chance to celebrate England's Ashes victory when the famous urn comes to Kent.

The match is against Northants Steelbacks in the NatWest Pro40 on Sunday, September 27.

Fans will have the chance to get up close and see the official replica urn Andrew Strauss held aloft at the Oval at the end of the Ashes Series.

The curator of the MCC Museum will be on hand to explain the history of the urn.

# Baby P brings young people to social work

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE Baby Peter tragedy has increased the number of young people entering the child welfare profession, says County Hall's social work chief.

Despite struggling to fill about 100 vacancies, Rosalind Turner – Kent County Council's managing director of children, families and education – says it is proving more difficult to attract experienced staff than it is trainees.

This week a host of celebrities lent their backing to a television campaign aimed at bringing former social workers back into the profession, and Ms Turner told Kent on Sunday it was one she fully supports.

She said: "Although the case of Baby P and what went on in Haringey is very concerning, in a way it has given a focus to what social workers do for us all on a national basis.

"At the moment we have about 100 vacancies in Kent, although that is partly down to us having an extra £1.2 million for new posts this year. We have 62 newly-qualified social workers who have just joined us, as well as 20 third-year university students who will join us as soon as they've finished their studies.

"What we do have a shortage of though is experienced workers. A large part of the job is



**CONCERN:** Baby Peter's case has put a spotlight on the work of social services

about judgement, and that's something you build up over time.

"We're pleased with the quality of our new social workers, but we need the combination."

Actresses Samantha Morton and Sadie Frost and musician Goldie are among those who appear in the new ad campaign, entitled Help Give Them A Voice.

It was launched amid fears that people had been put off the profession following the death

of Baby P, after which several social workers were fired by Haringey council.

However, Ms Turner said she thought there may be other reasons why experienced staff were leaving the industry: "It's a hard job. It's a bit like teaching in that you have lots of newly-qualified workers but sometimes the more experienced ones decide to leave when they don't want extra responsibilities."

Earlier this year, following a review of children's services, Lord Laming made 58 recommendations as to how councils could help prevent a repeat of the Baby Peter scandal.

KCC chief executive Peter Gilroy told KoS at the time that while he welcomed the suggestions, he was concerned they would add to the bureaucracy already loaded on social workers.

However, Ms Turner was pleased to report her staff had managed to cut back on red tape while also implementing all of Lord Laming's recommendations.

When asked about the likelihood of a Baby Peter-type tragedy occurring in Kent, Ms Turner said: "You can never say never but we do have robust systems in place to minimise the chance.

"I would hope from the work we are doing that if we knew of a child at risk we would do everything to keep that child safe.

"Of course you can't have a social worker sitting with a family 24 hours a day, and by and large children are better off with their families, but it's all about monitoring risk and making the best judgements we can."

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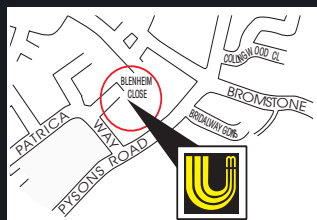
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**STREET TALK:** Chief Constable Michael Fuller and Sgt Mick Hayes with David Hanson MP and Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes in the county town this week

## Policing minister praises the force's 'impressive' work

HIGH-profile crimes in other parts of the country could be having a negative effect on public confidence in Kent, says policing minister David Hanson, *writes Steve Knight*.

Despite the county's relatively low crime rate, its constabulary is still ranked 27th out of 42 in England and Wales with a confidence rating of just 44 per cent.

However, Kent Police are confident of breaking into the top 10 within three years, as well as reaching the national target of 60 per cent.

Mr Hanson, who is the MP for Delyn in north Wales, paid a visit to the county town of Maidstone on Wednesday and said he thought its officers were on the right track.

He told Kent on Sunday: "If there are high-profile murders or other serious crimes committed elsewhere in the UK, then people living in other parts of the country do tend to worry.

"But while something like knife crime is a very important issue, it's not one that affects every community and in parts of Kent it's not an issue at all.

"What's important is the police focus on things that matter most to people locally and that is what is happening now in Kent.

"I'm very impressed with the work the force has been doing. Each district now has a Task Team dedicated to dealing specifically with antisocial behaviour and it does make a big difference to people's lives and their confidence in the police."

The Government announced earlier this year that the only central target for the nation's police forces would be to increase public confidence.

One method being used in Kent is for officers to leave feedback cards with residents so they can learn from the comments made and improve the way they serve the community.

The survey cards consist of five simple questions, with the responses logged and analysed at Kent Police HQ.

Chief Constable Mike Fuller told Mr Hanson about the initiative – called Operation Doorstep – when he visited the Shepway south area of Maidstone.

Mr Hanson said: "We think the key issue for the public is that crime is falling. Over the last 12 years it has gone down by 37 per cent nationally but people aren't really feeling it and that's why it's important to improve confidence.

"We are encouraging forces to be a lot more outward facing and for officers to meet with, listen to and respond to what a community's needs are. Operation Doorstep is one way of doing that."

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## Farage to target Speaker

KENT MEP Nigel Farage is to break with Parliamentary convention and stand against the Commons Speaker at the next general election.

The UK Independence Party leader, who lives in Bromley, said he was standing because MPs "have broken the trust" of the electorate.

His decision to stand against Speaker John Bercow in his Buckingham constituency was because he "represents the worst" after being "embroiled" in the expenses scandal earlier this year.

Mr Farage, 45, resigned as leader of Ukip on Friday at the party's conference, saying that he needed to concentrate on the election because leading the party in Europe as well



**NIGEL FARAGE:**  
Commons hope

as at home was too big a task.

Tradition dictates that Speakers stay out of party politics. Labour and the Lib Dems will not stand against Mr Bercow.

Mr Farage said he had also decided to stand against the Speaker because he represented a "symbolic" head of Parliament, which he believes, has given too much power to Brussels.

He said: "Everything from what light bulbs we can put in our living room to how we regulate hedge funds is decided in Brussels and the Speaker does not intend to reverse that. I want the election to be a debate about how we are governed."

Mr Farage has been an MEP for the South East since 1999.

## Monologues actress Robson defends controversial show

BIRDS of a Feather star Linda Robson, pictured, is battling ill health to get on stage tomorrow for her starring role in the controversial Vagina Monologues, *writes Chris Murphy*.

During a cough-laden chat with Kent on Sunday, she confessed to taking up smoking again.

She said: "I have a terrible head cold and have started smoking again for the first time in 17 years. I hope to be fit enough to get on stage at the Churchill Theatre, but this cough is really annoying me.

"I am constantly having to apologise to people for coughing at them."

Robson, 51, said she was baffled as to why some people were upset by the name

of the play. "I can't understand why anyone would be concerned about the word vagina," she said. "It's the normal name for something all women have. The Monologues have been a worldwide success.

"There's nothing anti-men in it, so they are more than welcome to attend. There's a lot of audience interaction, with many calling out their views."

The monologues are a collection of original stories gathered by the show's charismatic creator, New Yorker Eve Ensler.

The show runs at the Bromley theatre from September 7-12. For tickets call 08448 717 620 or visit [www.ambassadorsadortickets.com/bromley](http://www.ambassadorsadortickets.com/bromley).





## Frog mug jumps into lead as one of county's ugliest

A LEADING contender has emerged in the hunt for the Ugliest Mug in Kent.

Macmillan Cancer Support launched the search for the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county at the end of July to kickstart its major fund-raising event, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The Ugly Mug Amnesty – backed by KOS Media – aims to find the wackiest or most embarrassing mug lurking in your cupboards.

After six weeks of the amnesty, which ends on Friday, September 11, Maggie Francis of Penenden Heath, Maidstone, has sent in this photo of her granddaughter Holly, two, trying to pull the same face as the frog mug.

Maggie said: "The mug was bought for Holly's mum many years ago at a craft fayre, but hasn't seen a great deal of service as a mug... it's not the friendliest of drinking receptacles."

When you've found your Ugliest Mug, take a photo of you holding it and email it to the address at the end of this story.

The winner of the amnesty will receive a World's Biggest Coffee Morning Mug from Macmillan Cancer Support and a £50 Coffee Gift Set from KOS Media.

You can visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) to register and pick up fund-raising tips, or call 0845 602 1246. Enter the code RNA 10 so Macmillan know you are a KOS Media reader.

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LEADER: Holly with her ugly frog mug

## Garage ram-raider sent to jail

A MAN has been jailed for more than three years after carrying out a ram-raid at a service station in Staplehurst.

Ricky Morgan, 23, of London Road, Maidstone, drove a vehicle through the window of the garage to get in.

He was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court on Wednesday to three years and two months in prison for burglary.

A second charge of aggravated vehicle taking was left to lie on file.

Morgan had previously pleaded guilty to his part in a raid on Iden Park Garage, in Cranbrook Road, Staplehurst, on September 23 last year.

During the raid a four-wheel drive vehicle was rammed into the glazed doors of the serv-



CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Garage ram-raider

ice station and cigarettes were stolen.

But the robbery was halted mid-way through when a smoke cloak went off, filling

the room and forcing the robbers to leave the badly damaged garage.

The vehicle used in the ram-raid, which had been stolen earlier from Coxheath, was later found abandoned with a hammer inside that forensics traced back to the robbery.

CCTV footage from inside the garage showed a robber climbing across the counter holding a hammer.

Judge O' Mahoney said: "This burglary was aggravated by the ram-raid style of offence, attacking a quiet rural area in an aggressive manner."

Det Sgt Martin Foord, of the tactical crime investigation team at Maidstone, said: "We were delighted with the result, which is testament to the fine work of our officers."

## Long wait could be over at last for the mentally ill

By JENNA PUDELEK

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A NEW deal is set to be signed that will guarantee much shorter waiting times for therapies to treat patients with mental illnesses such as anxiety and depression.

It comes after reports found patients in west Kent were waiting up to 20 weeks for 'talking therapies' and GPs were prescribing medication instead because of the long waits for the counselling.

One-in-six people will suffer a bout of severe depression during their lives.

NHS West Kent said it has now "completely scrapped" the old service and a new contract, Improved Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT), is set to begin next month.

Paul Absolon, social care commissioner for mental health for west Kent, said: "There are things that we all want and we are trying to find ways to deliver services in non-stigmatising, non-institutionalising and timely ways."

"Waiting times for counselling [has been a problem] and that is why we have taken control of that and scrapped the existing contract."

Now patients with common mental health condition such as mild to moderate anxiety disorder and depression, phobias, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and panic disorders will have access to the same talking therapy services across the primary care trust's area.

A PCT spokesman said: "Under the previous service, there a number of different types of therapy in use, with considerable variation in the time taken to complete a course of treatment."

"Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) provides support to deal with problems by breaking them down and setting short-term goals to achieve the longer-term end."

The new service will be provided in the community by GP surgeries and healthy living centres to reduce the stigma sometimes associated with dedicated mental health facilities, he said.

But the PCT's recent consultation showed,



THERAPY: Mental health patients will not have to wait so long for treatment

patients and carers are most concerned by the length of time they have had to wait before getting therapy.

The spokesman said the new service aims to reduce waiting times "considerably" and patients would be assessed within three days.

Patients and carers have had long-term concerns about the provision of therapy in west Kent.

Asked what had been going so wrong, Mr Absolon said: "There is no simple answer to that... We know we have to modernise and find new ways of delivering services."

News that the replacement service will bring an increase in the number of health workers available will be welcomed by carers groups who have raised concerns about staffing levels in mental health services.

The final numbers are to be confirmed but the PCT's spokesman said the number of trainee workers would increase from eight to 18.

Employment advisors will also work alongside the therapists to help keep people in their jobs or get them back into work.

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Fri 17th Boulogne	£23.00	Thurs 29th Boulogne & Nausicaa	£23.00
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		Tues 10th Cherkley Court & Gardens Christmas Fair	£19.50
		Wed 11th Ypres Battlefield Tour & Menin Gate	£35.00
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## NHS Sexual Health Week to offer free advice and screening for STIs

# Blue bus the ticket to a healthy sex life

By JENNA PUDELEK

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SEXUALLY active people have been urged to treat tests for infections such as chlamydia as part of their normal health routine.

Ahead of Sexual Health Week, which runs from September 14-20, NHS West Kent is running a series of initiatives to raise awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and the services that allow people to take charge of their own health.

Malti Varshney, the primary care trust's public health specialist and lead on sexual health, said: "Sexual Health Week is an excellent platform to raise awareness and promote the services that we have available, and also safe-sex practices.

"We feel that sexual health is one of our main focuses throughout the coming year and we will be improving sexual health services on offer."

## Checked

STIs such as chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhoea are passed on through intimate sexual contact with an infected person.

Nationally, the overall number of STI cases being diagnosed are rising. But 16 to 24-year-olds, who make up only 12 per cent of the population, account for more than half of all STIs cases in the country.

"Chlamydia is one of the main STIs and we are promoting the screening of it," Ms Varshney said. "People should go annually and should be checked also if they have had a change of partner.

"It is symptom-less so for young adults getting regularly checked should be part of their normal health routine."

Chlamydia has become the most



**SCREENING:** Blue bus will stop off at north Kent towns to provide screening and free advice on ways to avoid sexual diseases

commonly diagnosed STI, with cases increasing since the mid-1990s.

According to the National Chlamydia Screening Programme, two in 25 men and women under 25 who are tested have the infection.

If left untreated it can spread into the reproductive organs and reduce people's chance of having children in the future.

But once diagnosed it can be easily treated with antibiotics.

The latest figures for west Kent show that positive chlamydia screenings for under 25 years olds rose by 43 per cent between 2007 and 2008 (from 196 to 282).

The PCT's stats also show that only 9.8 per cent of all young people between 16 and 24 went to get tested for the STI in 2008-09.

Ms Varshney said getting tested for chlamydia was easy and painless. Men give a urine sample and women are given a vaginal swab, which they do themselves. The results come back in two weeks.

During Sexual Health Week the PCT's Urban Blue Bus, a double-

decker kitted out as a mobile clinic, will be stopping at shopping centres throughout north Kent.

The bus will be promoting good sexual health and offering free chlamydia screening and advice.

Asked if people should be going for more sexual health tests, Ms Varshney said: "What we are trying to do is enable people to make informed decisions about sexual health and adopt good sexual health practices.

## Painless

"We are also ensuring the screen process is simple and painless, which helps them to take it regularly.

"If people are worried about their sexual health then they should find out about their nearest Contraceptive and Sexual Health Clinic (CASH)."

CASH clinics were formerly called Family Planning Clinics and are nurse-led and completely confidential.

For more specialised advice and services, GUM (Genito-Urinary Medicine) clinics are available.

## Pickpocket facing UK exit

A BULGARIAN pickpocket has been warned she could face deportation after admitting to stealing a Maidstone shopper's purse.

Stefka Petrova, 38, from Tottenham in north London, was stopped by police outside The Mall following the theft

on Saturday, August 29.

She was remanded in custody after pleading guilty before town magistrates on Monday, and will reappear at a later date for sentencing.

The UK Border Agency has also been notified.

## Write stuff to land prize

WANNABE authors have been invited to take part in a short story competition with the theme of local history.

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His work is inspired by his time in the Army, when he was sent out to the Gulf aged 19 in the midst of Desert Storm.

After returning he suffered from combat stress. "I found it really difficult to reintegrate into society. I know I'm not alone in that," he said.

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## Fatal road crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a traffic accident that left a motorcyclist dead.

The smash happened on the A26, Maidstone Road, Hadlow, near the Hadlow Manor Hotel at 4.40pm on Bank Holiday Monday.

A white Ford Transit van collided with a red Suzuki motorbike. The biker, from the Bearsted area, was pronounced dead at the scene. No-one else was injured.

Officers from Kent Police's Serious Collision Investigation Unit are appealing for witnesses. In particular they would like to speak to the driver of an orange-coloured vehicle that went past a white van about 4.20pm as it was reversing onto the road from a farm entrance. Witnesses are asked to call 01622 798538.

# Red light for green bulbs

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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**SET WAYS:** As the old-style lightbulbs cease to be manufactured many people are bulk-buying rather than switching to the new, energy-efficient lightbulbs, pictured top

AN EPILEPTIC pensioner is hoarding more than 30 years' of old-style light bulbs because she fears their energy-saving replacements could affect her health.

The 62-year-old from Sittingbourne, who wishes to remain anonymous for fear of being burgled, snapped up more than 1,000 hundred-watt bulbs in preparation for the manufacturing ban that came into force this week.

She says the new fluorescent bulbs, which the European Union is asking people to switch to, could have serious implications for people with light-sensitive medical conditions like hers.

"I suffer from TV epilepsy, which means I can't get near any screen or anything that flickers in any way," she said.

"The first time I realised these new bulbs might affect me was when I stood near one at a supermarket. It put me in a terrible state and I thought I was going to faint.

"I worked out that if I was unfortunate enough to live as long as my aunts did – into their 90s – that I would need about 30 years' worth of the old-style bulbs for each room.

"I have more than a thousand now. It cost me about £250 in total, but it's worth it."

Energy-saving bulbs only require 20 to 23W of electricity to generate the same amount of light as a traditional 100W bulb, but the fluorescent light produced has been linked to migraines and an increase in the risk of seizures for epilepsy sufferers.

### Gloom

They also take a while to reach their full brightness, which the Sittingbourne hoarder believes could also lead to further problems.

She said: "The NHS might find itself having to deal with an increased number of falls because the bulbs aren't bright enough to light the way. It might also lead to depression because rooms will look gloomier."

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said it was working closely with organisations representing the 36,000 people in the UK who have "special health interests".

It added that EU health experts "concluded there is not enough evidence to suggest modern lamps can aggravate epilepsy or migraines".

Steve Dawe, Kent spokesman for the Green Party, said the new bulbs were far

more efficient than their predecessors and would therefore reduce the need to burn fossil fuels. He added: "I think there are a lot of myths being created about this.

"The bulbs do take a little while to warm up, but the light created is the same.

"As for the epilepsy accusations, I find this difficult to credit because I've come across no such evidence that the lights flicker.

"Using less electricity is obviously a key issue in responding to global warming and these light bulbs create a win-win situation because while they may be more expensive, they save you money in the long run.

"My wife and I started using them in our house 15 years ago and some of them are still working today."

Yet despite the views of environmental campaigners, residents throughout Kent are still loath to lose the 100W bulb.

Russell Johnson, of the Johnsons of Rainham hardware store, said he was selling more 10-packs to customers than ever before.

He said: "Most people don't seem to rate the energy-saving ones much at all.

"A customer came in yesterday and bought 100 at once because he said he couldn't even read a book in bed with the other type.

"Most people couldn't give a stuff about saving energy this way. They just want a light that's bright as soon as you turn it on."

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## Tee off for charity

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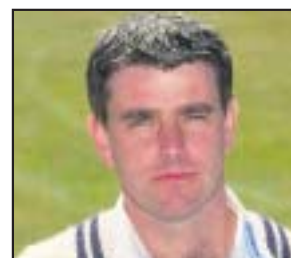
It is being held to raise money for brain tumour research after the star developed a tumour several years ago.

A spokesman for the former bowler, who played in three Tests for England, said: "Those who know Alan will be aware this is something close to his heart since he has a brain tumour. Having battled his tumour for nine years, this year Alan suffered a set back and was recently admitted to hospital for emergency surgery.

"Happily, Alan is again doing well but will need to undergo chemotherapy treatment at some stage.

"This year, more than ever before, we want to make his annual golf day a success."

The tournament is next month



**FUNDRAISER:** Alan Igglesden

at the Westerham Golf Club.

It will be held on Alan's 45 birthday – Thursday, October 8, at 10am with bacon rolls and coffee, followed by 18 holes and a three-course dinner.

The spokesman added: "We may also tie in evening entertainment and make a night of it, since the club is rarely lucky enough to see our players leave before 10.30pm anyway."



# Moss Side? I'll take Margate

GANGLAND shootings in Manchester's notorious Moss Side are a constant reminder to Mark Powell that he made the right decision in moving his family south.

In just over eight months as Kent Police's head of major crime, the detective chief superintendent has had to deal with just one shooting in the county – at a holiday camp on the Isle of Sheppey – and nobody was hurt.

Compare that with the almost daily battle against gun crime at his previous post in Manchester, and it's easy to see why DCS Powell believes our county really is safe.

He said: "Manchester has attracted the very unfortunate nickname 'Gunchester' due to armed gangs. It was our job to stop young men ending up with a gun in their hand or a bullet in their head.

"A lot of them would drop out of school and arrive in adulthood without basic life skills and no stake in society, so for them crime was a viable career option.

"We ran an anti-gang strategy that brought together staff from the police, social services, probation and different housing, education and youth groups so we could look at getting kids back into school and away from the negative influences.

"There were plenty of examples where individuals we worked with moved away from gangs and we were able to prosecute members who had a big impact on the number of shootings.

"It wasn't uncommon to have more than one shooting a day in Moss Side, but we've had one shooting in Kent since I've been here."

There were 10,000 fewer crimes in Kent up until March, 2009, compared with the previous 12 months. This week, as part of our A Safer Kent series, we meet DCS Mark Powell. He knows the realities of major crime on Britain's streets, having worked in Manchester's Moss Side. Kent is one of the safest places in Britain to live and DCS Powell tells **STEVE KNIGHT** his officers intend to keep it that way



**DCS MARK POWELL: Taking a robust line against Kent's serious organised crime**

Despite its relatively low crime rate, there were 10,000 fewer offences in Kent in the last financial year and that has seen the force rise to 18th out of 42 in England and Wales for public confidence. Senior officers are now targeting a top-10 place.

The Government treats public confidence as a major indicator of how well a constabulary is performing, so it's no surprise that DCS Powell is annoyed when he hears

untruths about areas on his patch.

He said: "I've heard Margate described as the murder capital of the South East, which is really misleading because there have only been two this year. London's murder rate by far eclipses all other areas in the region.

"Part of our challenge is keeping London-based criminals out of Kent so we don't end up with the same problems drug supply creates there, such as turf wars. We don't have that in Kent because we take a robust line with drug dealers. As soon as we're aware they're moving in, we take care of it."

DCS Powell has the casework to back up his comments, pointing to the conviction of 19 dealers from London and west Kent who at the end of May were jailed for a total of more than 40 years. The force also seized class-A drugs worth more than £1 million in the first quarter of this year alone.

But it's not just drug supply that DCS Powell and his team have to contend with. Cash machine ram-raids and cash-in-transit robberies are examples of the type of serious organised crime they work hard to keep out of Kent. He said: "Kent has a strong track

## FACT FILE

### Arresting statistics

The Major Crime Department investigates and secures conviction of offenders involved in the most serious and violent offences. Between April and July, this year, the department recorded the following successes:

- 24 kilos of cocaine with a street value of £2.4 million was taken off the streets of Kent. This also resulted in a 12-year prison sentence for the drug dealer.
- A total of £320,000 in cash was seized along with assets worth £2 million after five people were charged in connection with a money laundering network.
- Police seized a BMW X5 sports car, worth £17,000, from a drug dealer.
- Over the last two-and-a-half years Serious Organised Crime Unit investigations have led to 15 convictions for ATM offences. Their sentences add up to just under 100 years.

record of dealing very robustly with serious organised crime. It's not like Goodfellas, but we do have small groups who come together to commit crime.

"They come together for the theft of high-powered cars, distraction burglaries, drug importation and ATM attacks, although they have substantially reduced because we have convicted so many. We always ask people to be vigilant about crime – but we are very well off. Kent is a very safe place to live."

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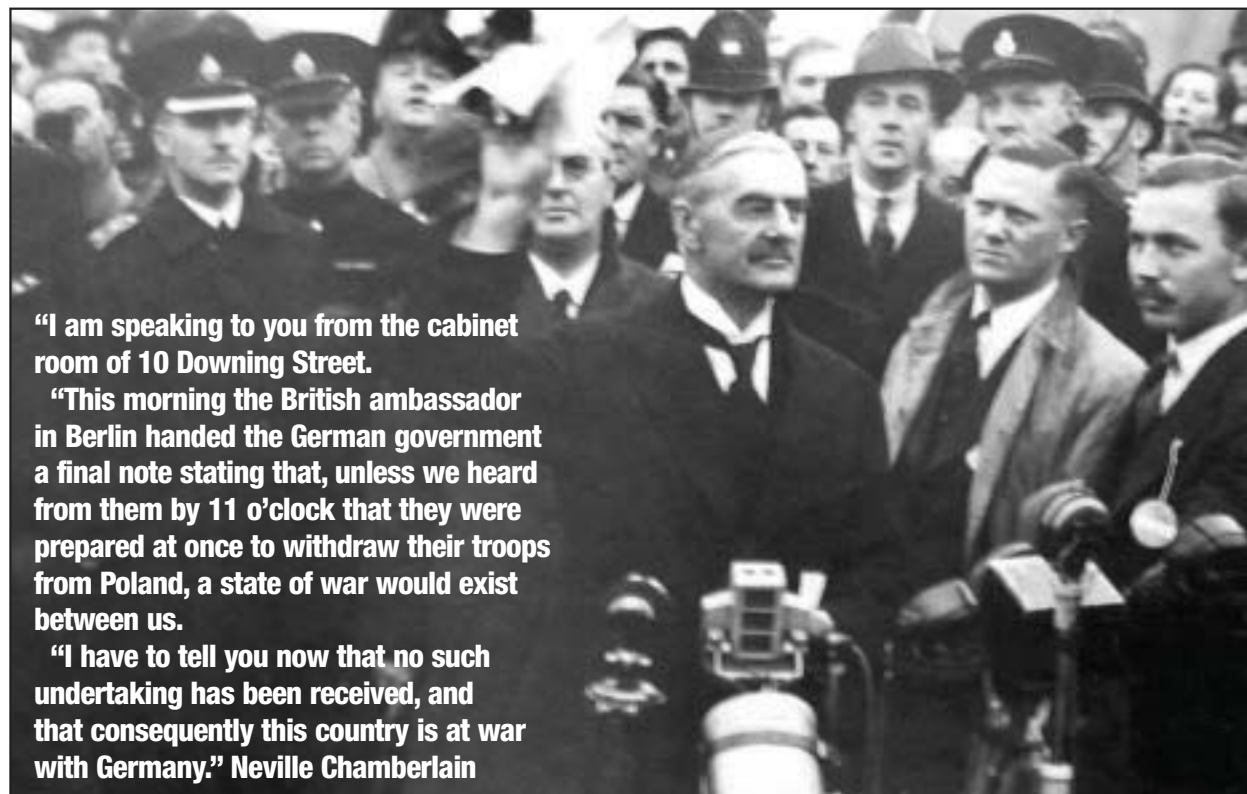
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**"I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received, and that consequently this country is at war with Germany." Neville Chamberlain**

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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SEVENTY years ago this week, then-Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain made a radio announcement that would change the world forever.

While not largely unexpected, his speech on September 3, 1939 – which went on to describe how Britain had gone to great lengths to try and find a peaceful solution to the conflict – still sparked worry and panic among the millions listening at home.

And rightly so, as advancements in transport and weaponry put everyday civilians at far greater risk than during World War One more than two decades earlier.

The World War Two would only end in 1945 after Adolf Hitler had ordered the slaughter of six million European Jews, and two atomic bombs had been dropped on Japan.

However, many of the people old enough to remember the day were still very young at the time and admit they perhaps did not appreciate the gravity of the situation.

Fred Sands, 79, chairman of the Sheppey branch of the Royal British Legion, was a schoolboy growing up in a small village near Skegness in Lincolnshire.

## Gas masks

He said: "It was a Sunday and we all came out of church at about 11.30am, just after he had made the announcement on the radio.

"The verger had left the service early to go and listen to it, and it was he who greeted us with the news.

"We knew an announcement was coming but we didn't really know what was happening over in Poland until Chamberlain spoke to us. We had a good idea though because we had got wind that they were taping up the windows at the schools and starting to issue gas masks.

"I suppose it was quite exciting in one way because death didn't mean much to me as a nine-year-old boy, and a lot of what was going on washed over my head.

"But it was also quite scary, especially as my younger sister was born around that time and I was obviously worried about her and the rest of my family."

Due to its proximity to German-occupied territory, Kent played a big part in some of the most decisive moments of the war, including the Dunkirk evacuation, the Battle of Britain and the preparations for D-Day.

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D-Day landings

around Dover earned the nickname of Hellfire Corner due to it being almost constantly shelled by the Nazis.

The sound of an air raid siren was therefore a familiar one that routinely filled people with dread, but most had never experienced it before 1939.

Peggy Young, 85, from Faversham, was a 15-year-old schoolgirl at the time of Chamberlain's announcement.

She said: "I was listening to him in the kitchen with my parents and my sister, and we all just thought 'my God'. We didn't know what was going to happen and my parents were very worried."

"It was not long after that we heard the air raid siren for the first time, and it was a horrible noise. Although a lot of people had already put up shelters in their back gardens, many still didn't know what to do and began to panic. Thankfully we received the all-clear not long after."

When asked whether people expected the war to last as long as it did, Miss Young replied: "Good gracious, no. I think everyone

thought it might be over in a few months."

Thanks to the propaganda of the time the people of Britain were left in no doubt as to whom the villain of the piece was, and even children's comics like The Beano routinely mocked Hitler and his allies.

While many of those who lived during the war accept the propaganda did not give them a true reflection of the conflict, they say it did bring people together and make them more patriotic.

Ernie Hardcastle, 83, from Minster-on-Sea, said: "We knew what Hitler was doing out in Poland and Czechoslovakia, but we didn't really know how evil he was at that point."

"I was 13 when Chamberlain announced we were at war with Germany, but all I really remember is my old man standing up and saluting once he had heard it on the radio."

"Nothing really happened for the first 12 to 18 months but I don't think anyone expected the war to go on for as long as it did. In the beginning everyone was wrapped up in the shock that we were at war."

**CONFLICT:** Left, the then-Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain with his bit of paper that 'proved' there would be no war. Adolf Hitler soon went back on the agreement though, and it was Winston Churchill who led the country through the war years. These difficult years saw the D Day landings and the evacuation of children from urban to rural areas and would change the world forever



Young evacuees

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# New role for our Gemma



GRAVESEND movie actress Gemma Arterton is one of the stars signed up for director Stephen Frears' version of the graphic novel Tamara Drewe.

The film is an adaptation of a modern-day take on the Thomas Hardy novel Far From The Madding Crowd.

Arterton, 23, will play the title character, a shy teen who reinvents herself as a femme fatale.

The film will also feature

Mamma Mia star Dominic Cooper and Tamsin Grieg. Shooting starts on September 21.

Arterton is currently filming a remake of Clash of the Titans, and has previously starred in St Trinian's and last James Bond movie, Quantum of Solace.

Arterton went to school at Gravesend Grammar School for Girls and attended a performance arts course at the Miskin Theatre in Dartford.

# Films 'give a voice' to the working class

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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VICTIMS of an infamous child sex abuse case have opened up to director Bill Maloney for a documentary that is being pieced together in Kent.

Four members of the so-called 22 Crew sat down with the award-winning film-maker to tell him about the effect of their experiences at County Durham's infamous Medomsley detention centre in the 1970s and 80s.

The former inmates were routinely abused by then-prison officer Neville Husband, who is currently six years into an eight-year sentence imposed for the attacks.

And Mr Maloney, 54, who is editing the documentary from a caravan in Whitstable, says the victims he spoke to are still struggling to get on with their lives.

He said: "They call it historical abuse but yesterday is history and what happened to these men still feels like yesterday for them."

One of eight children born to an alcoholic father and prostitute mother, Mr Maloney spent the majority of his early life in care with the rest of his brothers and sisters.

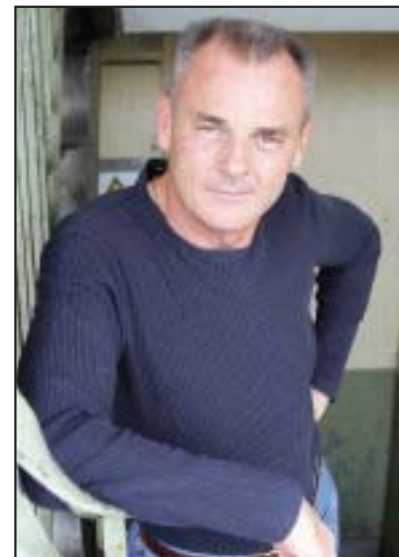
This made him determined to turn his life around, and he did so by training to become a painter and decorator. A career making films and documentaries followed, with the highlight so far being an award at the New York Film Festival for his first creation, Lunatic.

Mr Maloney, who lives in Lewisham, told KoS one of the things that made him unique was his working-class style of storytelling.

He said: "I'm not trying to start a revolution here but our politicians are so detached from our culture that I think it's important the working class is properly represented."

"For instance, there's a lot of swearing in my documentaries. It's not done in an aggressive way; it's just the way a lot of us speak."

Mr Maloney's documentary also examines



**CULTURE:** Director Bill Maloney says he represents the everyday man in his films

the plight of 14-year-old Adam Rickwood, who committed suicide in 2004 after being restrained by officers at Hassockfield Secure Training Centre in County Durham.

It is a far cry from his black comedy The Blunderers, which was released last year having been shot and cast in the seaside towns of Whitstable and Herne Bay.

Mr Maloney said: "My happiest times when I was in care were when I came to Kent. When I got older I bought a chalet near Whitstable. That's where I first started writing my scripts."

"I like the gritty working-class culture that still exists in Herne Bay and the intellect of the people in Whitstable. It's a wonderful combination and I find it very inspirational."

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## Brown book fever

EAGER fans of The Da Vinci Code author Dan Brown will have the chance to be among the first to get their hands on his long-awaited latest novel.

Waterstone's in Bluewater at Greenhithe is holding a midnight opening on Tuesday, September 15, to mark the release of The Lost Symbol, the third in his Robert Langdon series, which includes Angels and Demons.

Tim Eastwood, the store's manager, said: "The latest Dan Brown novel will undoubtedly be the biggest selling book of 2009.

"We already have hundreds of pre-orders for it, and have been taking pre-orders since the day the book was announced months ago.

"Thanks to the phenomenal success of his other books and subsequent films, there has been an enormous amount of hype surrounding the new release. We're really excited to be a part of it all."

Fans can begin queuing any time during the day on September 14 and the first person will get a free copy of the book.

The Lost Symbol, which has taken the internationally bestselling author six years to write, is set in Washington and sees professor of iconology and symbology Langdon explore the secretive world of the Freemasons.

## Biker nearly killed

A MAN was left fighting for his life after his motorbike collided with a car in Maidstone town centre on Wednesday morning.

The biker suffered life-threatening injuries to his chest in the crash, which happened at the junction of the A20 and Somerfield Road, on London Road. He was taken to Maidstone Hospital.

Police closed Buckland Hill, while the emergency services worked at the scene.

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# Port of Dover welcomes heroic quadriplegic yachtswoman after epic voyage

## Hilary sails into our hearts

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A PLAYFUL school of whales and warm welcomes were just two of the highlights for Hilary Lister during her inspirational quest to become the first quadriplegic woman to sail solo around Britain.

The 37-year-old sailed into the record books as she arrived back in Dover on Monday after a three-month, 1,800-mile voyage in her specially adapted Artemis 20.

"It was fantastic," she said. "It was also quite sad because it's the end of three months travelling and four months of everybody being together. The team are going their separate ways now, so it was a day of mixed emotions."

Mrs Lister, who lives near Canterbury, said the team always knew they would complete the record-breaking odyssey, but there were was one moment when the engine of the support boat failed and things got a bit dicey.

"We had to replace it and we could have got another boat from somewhere, but it was potentially a showstopper and that would have been bad," she said.

Another episode in her eventful voyage saw Mrs Lister using the stars to navigate the Irish Sea after she was forced to sail without a compass. During one of her daily sails, outside Carlingford Lough in Ireland, a school of whales joined her. She said: "It was about a



**HOME AT LAST:** Hilary Lister with her mother, Pauline Rudd, and KCC cabinet member for communities, Cllr Mike Hill, at the conclusion of her record-breaking voyage

mile out at sea and they swam underneath the boat, which was pretty scary.

"I've seen whales in New Zealand, but that wasn't a patch on this. They were so close and started jumping just for the fun of it. They just wanted to show off, it was amazing."

The Oxford-educated biochemist re-launched her Round Britain Dream from Plymouth in May after being forced to abandon last year's attempt due to poor weather.

Her boat, Me Too, is controlled using a 'sip and puff' system. Three straws, which are con-

nected to sensitive pressure switches, are used and a gentle 'sip' on one takes the boat starboard (right) and a puff on the other takes it to port (left). The voyage has so far raised £30,000 for her charity, Hilary's Dream Trust, which helps other disabled and disadvantaged adults live out their sailing dreams. Mrs Lister said she had been given a warm welcome wherever she docked after her daily sails of between 30 and 50 nautical miles.

"In fact, it's the thing I'll take away most – the people we met," she said.

She is already planning her next challenge, having spent the week giving interviews as well as making time to catch up with her family.

"I've got ideas I'm bouncing around, but I really need to talk to people and find out if they're viable, so I'm keeping them to



**DETERMINED:** Mrs Lister thanked her team for helping her live the dream

myself for now," she said.

Mrs Lister, who was a sporty and active youngster, suddenly found herself wheelchair-bound at 15 years old because of a progressive neurological disorder.

She gradually lost the use of her body and was in constant pain, but would not let it stand in the way of her ambitions and achieved a 2:1 degree in biochemistry from Oxford in 1995.

At 27 she lost the use of her arms and hands and as her condition worsened Mrs Lister had to relinquish her independence.

But, in 2003, a friend introduced her to sailing, which she credits with saving her life. For more information about her charity and plans, visit [www.hilarylister.com](http://www.hilarylister.com).

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## Cash machine raiders hunted

TWO robbers who attacked staff refilling a cash machine in New Romney and then made off with the money are being hunted by police.

They are believed to have used crowbars in the assault in the High Street on Tuesday night, at about 11.30pm.

A security guard suffered minor injuries and was taken to the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford.

The two offenders ran off down an alleyway at the side of the Nationwide building society, which leads to a car park.

It is believed they drove off in one or more vehicles which were parked at Mountfield Industrial Estate.

They are described as white males and both were wearing light coloured tops.

One person has been arrested in Dartford in connection with the incident and remains in custody.

Officers want to speak to anyone who has information about the robbery, or who saw anything suspicious.

Contact South Kent Police on 01303 289180, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Wrecking spree at sports pavilion

VANDALS have caused £800 damage to a sports pavilion at the Ridge Park in Kennington, Ashford.

The attack took place between August 28 and September 1. About £100 damage was caused to a wall when slates and plasterboard were pulled off, and 14 doors to the changing rooms sustained damage to locks and door frames, worth about £700.

Vandals also wrecked the inside of the building by throwing cleaning items and sports equipment around.

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**SPOOKY** goings-on will be explored when paranormal investigators hold two night-time vigils in Canterbury.

St Margaret's Church – home of the Canterbury Tales tourist attraction – will host a visit from the Haunted Weekend group on Saturday, September 19, while the historic Tiny Tim's Tearoom will open its doors the same evening.

The building which houses the tearoom dates back to the 17th century, and is said to be home to the ghosts of two children disturbed following a fire at the property in the 1980s.

Owners Jo Dench-Owens and her husband Phil have taken advantage of the story by converting the supposedly haunted top floor into a 'ghost room', complete with spooky pictures, footage and furniture.

She said: "I've seen no evidence either way that the place is or isn't haunted, but Phil definitely has."

"He often hears things and on a few instances has run down the stairs to check I'm all right, even though nothing has happened."

"Our baker, Dan, comes in very early and he's convinced he has meetings and conversations with our ghosts on a regular basis."

"He's 100 per cent serious about it, but he says they're friendly."

"There have been no horrible occurrences, just things like the bell ringing or lights and taps being turned on."

Haunted Weekend began life as a spiritual group based in East Anglia, but now invites

# The ghost of a chance for paranormal team



**CITY SPIRITS:** St Margaret's Church and Tiny Tim's Tearoom – including the top floor 'ghost room' – will be investigated

the public to take part in paranormal investigations throughout the UK.

Founder John Blythe said he thought the popularity of such events was because "people got fed up with organised religion a while back and are now looking for answers".

He continued: "We don't force anything down anyone's throat, but we do believe there is an afterlife and that there is some-

thing else out there besides physical death.

"Everything we do is with love and respect, because regardless of whether the spirit is nasty or not, they are still someone's loved one."

"We had heard that both the locations in Canterbury were haunted, so decided it would be a good idea to combine the two and hold vigils at both."

"It's entertaining for the public, but we do take what we find seriously. We'll be using EMF (electromagnetic field) meters, laser thermometers and table-tipping techniques."

Tickets for the Canterbury Ghosts event – which includes visits to both locations – range from £45 to £65, depending on how early you book. For more information, visit [www.hauntedweekend.com](http://www.hauntedweekend.com).

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## Spooky night at the Guildhall

A TEAM of ghost-hunters is to spend a night in Sandwich's historic Guildhall looking for signs of spirits. The Kent and London Paranormal Society approached the town council to carry out an investigation of the 16th century building in the run-up to Halloween and has now booked a date for its vigil.

They will have full access to the rooms in the Guildhall which housed a courtroom as recently as 1987 and is still the home of the council and houses the mayor's parlour and museum.

The oldest parts of the building date from 1579 and it is actually Sandwich's third Guildhall.

Earlier ones were sited in St Peter's Churchyard and in the area behind the Old Parsonage. It was built to the same pattern as its predecessor and some of the materials – including the doors – were transferred from site to site.

Queen Elizabeth I visited the town in 1573 and a stained glass window commemorating that event is in the hall, formerly used to try offenders before town magistrates. Portraits which add to the atmosphere

include those of former mayors, King Charles II and his queen, Katherine of Braganza, and there is also a painting of the court in session on the wall which formerly hung in the Royal Academy until 1899.

The courtroom panelling dates from 1607 and a collapsible jury box still exists.

Artefacts on display include the moot horn which would have summoned townsfolk to hear important announcements as far back as the 12th century – such as the French attack in 1457 which led to the mayor John Drury being killed.

Other objects on show include a Chinese vase rescued from a shipwreck on the Goodwin Sands, paintings of battles and the mayoral regalia, which is black to commemorate the death of Mr Drury.

Deputy Mayor John Scollard agreed the building has an interesting history. "I know groups like to come and research historic buildings, which is an excellent thing to do," he said.

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**ANCIENT HEART:** Sandwich Guildhall dates back to the 16th century

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# Burglary gang behind bars

A GANG of burglars has been sentenced to a total of 17 years and seven months in prison for a string of break-ins across Kent and Medway.

The five men, who are all from Gravesend, were sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court for more than 70 offences related to burglaries committed between 2005 and 2007.

Det Con Keith McGinn of Kent Police, who led the major investigation, said the gang mostly broke into commercial premises and caused damage totalling about £1 million during their spree of burglaries.

"We began to see a pattern emerging with the burglaries and realised we were at the start of a very long and painstaking investigation that would rely heavily on using mobile phone records to prove these men were involved," he said.

## Cash flow

"Because they also left tools and gloves at many of the scenes we were able to support the phone evidence with forensic evidence, together with evidence of the suspects buying the tools they used, which ultimately led to them being found guilty."

The burglars targeted businesses that had a significant daily cash flow that would be stored in a company safe overnight.

In 2005 the offences were mainly committed in north Kent, but by 2006 they targeted premises in the west of the county, Medway and also ventured into Essex and Surrey.

## Conspiracy

Robert Reader, 32, of Medhurst Crescent, was charged with burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary and was sentenced to five years and three months.

Phillip Turner, 23, of Christianfield Avenue, was charged with the same offence and given the same sentence.

Danny Kingsnorth, 26, of Medhurst Crescent, was also charged with the same offence and sentenced to two years and 11 months in jail.

Jason Reader, 34, of Valley Drive, was charged with burglary and given the same sentence as Kingsnorth.

Darren Berry, 25, of Cedar Avenue, was also charged with burglary and faces a 25-month prison sentence.



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Tickets for the match on Saturday, September 12, at 3pm, are on general sale, with all under 18s only £5, adults £17, £22 and £25, and over 60s and under 21s £17 – you can

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Justice chiefs have unveiled plans to increase capacity and efficiency at the magistrates and county courts, both in Chatham.

The move comes ahead of the on-going Thames Gateway development, which will see 20,000 new homes built in the area by 2016.

Medway Magistrates Court will gain the equivalent of an extra 1.2 courtrooms per week in the shake-up – allowing more cases to be heard and also reducing waiting times.

Unused office space at the county court, based at Anchorage House will also be converted into two new courtrooms.

The extra rooms will allow all family cases – including divorce, adoption and care proceedings – to be heard in one location.

Currently the hearings are also conducted

at the magistrates court.

Justice minister Bridget Prentice, who visited Medway's courts last week, said: "By gathering family mediation and support services, specialist lawyers and judges and legal staff all in one place we can help to resolve family conflicts quicker and hopefully less painfully."

"That means children and broken families in north Kent will stand more chance of being able to rebuild their lives."

HM Courts Service area director Julia Eeles added: "More capacity at Medway's criminal and civil courts means both can provide a better service to meet the needs of local people."

"The courts are being adapted to deal with the increasing population the Thames Gateway development is expected to bring."

The new County Court courtrooms will be operational by summer of next year.



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## Reading between the lines on trail of Jane Austen

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THE connections between one of Britain's best-loved novelists and Kent are being rediscovered by a group of literary sleuths.

The Reading Detectives, who are based at Tonbridge Library, are one of five teams taking part in a national initiative to investigate the country's literary heritage.

Jane Austen – the 18th century author of classics such as *Pride and Prejudice* and *Emma* – is the focus of the team's work as they look at her family ties to Kent and how they influenced her life and work.

Her father, George, was born in Tonbridge, studied at Tonbridge School, and became a rector. He also worked as a tutor, which was how he was able to afford the writing equipment, expensive paper and books Austen needed for her career.

Further links to the county were through her brother Edward, who was adopted as a boy by a rich and childless couple, the Knights, who owned Godmersham Park, between Canterbury and Ashford.

After her brother inherited the house and estate, Austen was a frequent visitor and a close bond developed between Jane and her niece Fanny, with whom she exchanged intimate correspondence.

The Centre for Kentish Studies in Maidstone holds a collection of their letters. A line in one of them, which is reminiscent of the themes of her novels, states: "Single women have a dreadful propensity for being poor – which is one very strong argument in favour of matrimony."

Six Kent Reading Detectives will be going on a narrated Jane Austen walk through Tonbridge next Saturday, retracing the steps of the author and her family.

A lively online discussion is already under way about their recent finds on the project's website, which links to the other teams in Cumbria, Derbyshire, Lancashire and Hampshire, who are exploring their own counties' creative heritage.

Michelle Giles, Kent County Council's service development librarian, has been leading the project in Kent.

"Anyone is welcome to join in," she said. "We would love to have more young people come along, especially. At the moment the ages range from about 22 to 65, with a good

mix of men and women. It's not just looking at Austen's novels."

Vivian Branson, of the Kent branch of the Jane Austen Society, is also involved in the project, and said that in *Pride and Prejudice*, Mr Collins writes to Mr Bennet using the address 'Hunsford, near Westerham, Kent'.

"Of course, Hunsford is fictional and this was where the mistaken idea that Chevening represented Rosings," she said.

Mr Darcy's sister, Georgiana, was staying in Ramsgate when Mr Wickham persuaded her to elope with him.

Correspondence shows that during her stays in Kent, Austen would go to Canterbury for shopping and balls, and to other towns including the seaside resorts of Ramsgate, Broadstairs, and also Deal, which is mentioned in her novel *Persuasion*.

A look at her time in Kent provides insights into how her life influenced her work down to the smallest details.

Tonbridge was famous for producing Tunbridge Ware, wooden items painted or applied with printed views.

In the 18th century they were popular souvenirs and Austen and her sister Cassandra owned similar boxes. She may be referring to them when she wrote in *Emma*: "She held the parcel towards her, and Emma read the words 'Most precious treasures' on the top. Her curiosity was greatly excited. Harriet unfolded the parcel and she looked on with impatience."

"Within abundance of silver paper was a pretty little Tunbridge-ware box, which Harriet opened: it was well lined with the softest cotton."

Austen also spent time at Goodnestone Park, near Wingham, which was the home of Edward's in-laws Sir Brook Bridges and Lady Fanny. The author, who was born in 1775 and died in 1817 never having married, wrote six novels, which, thanks to amusing plots and the wit and irony of her style, have never been out of print.

During the 1790s she wrote the first drafts of *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Northanger Abbey*, and her trips to Kent and Bath are thought to have given her the local detail and settings of these last two books. For more information about the Reading Detectives project, go to [www.readingdetectives.org](http://www.readingdetectives.org).



JANE AUSTEN

PICTURE: Kent Downs AONB



# Historic organ's a show stopper, if you reassemble it

AN ORGAN which was the first installed in a British cinema and was last played in 1929 is languishing in a Kent museum while curators search for a new home for the instrument.

It is currently in many bits under the care of the Hall Place Museum in Foots Cray.

It used to be the pride of the Electric Coliseum Cinema, which was built in 1912 on the corner of Green Lanes and St Ann's Road in Harringay, London. The picture house was equipped with an organ, the first to be installed in any cinema in the UK.

It changed to the Coliseum Cinema at around the end of the 20s, and by the start of the 30s talkies started, which rendered the organ all but redundant.

The last time it was played was in 1929.

It was a 2Manual 17 stop organ, believed to have been manufactured by T Jones, which had three couplers. It was a straight church type organ, with the chamber located to the left of the screen.

Now it needs a new home to preserve this valuable piece of cinematic history.

Museum officer Vicky Nutt, said: "We have it in our stores in Foots Cray. We have been looking for a new home for it for quite some time.

"We don't have room to assemble it, and it is in bits. It is a fairly old and rare organ."

So far the search for a new home has failed, but the experts are not giving up hope and say it is available for free to a serious collector.



Picture: BEKLEY COLLECTION

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME:** The former cinema organ is in pieces at Hall Place Museum

It arrived at Hall Place in the 1980s, but the exact history since it left the Coliseum is still largely shrouded in mystery.

Despite not being used, the organ stayed in place during the cinema's various transformations until it closed in June, 1961, with Tony Curtis in *Who Was That Lady?* playing it out. It became a bingo hall until 1977 then a fur-

niture store and on to a gay nightclub popular with The Weather Girls and George Michael.

However these didn't last, and the derelict building was knocked down in 2000. At some stage during all this, and it seems no-one quite knows when, the organ was removed.

Houses now stand on the site, which is known as the Coliseum.

# Jessica's living life with charity walk

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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A YOUNG woman who needs a life-saving double lung transplant is taking on a challenge of a lifetime today when she attempts to complete part of a five kilometre run.

Jessica Wales is taking part in the Adidas Challenge in Hyde



**BRAVE:** Jessica Wales aims to walk a kilometre for charity

Park, London, but has decided to walk it to ensure she has a better chance of hitting her target.

She suffered a severe chest infection in April, and is now battling for survival. But the brave 20-year-old is taking on this physical challenge to raise money for the transplant charity Live Life Then Give Life, known as LLTGL.

Jessica, from Westgate in

Thanet, was born with cystic fibrosis, the UK's most common genetically inherited life-threatening disease. Its devastating progression means her lungs are now useless and completely beyond repair, so a massive transplant operation is her only hope.

They are functioning at a mere 11 per cent of their capacity.

She now relies on an oxygen supply 24 hours a day and a non-invasive ventilator to keep her lungs going when they regularly start to tire. So it will be against all the odds for her to finish the challenge, which for her will be gruelling.

Jess is unable to even wash her own hair or put on her socks, so walking any distance will be a huge physical strain.

She is hoping to walk at least 200m per kilometre, with the total aim of walking one kilometre out of five.

LLTGL chairman Emily Thackray said: "Jessica has been waiting for her new lungs for over four years now and already doubled the two years predicted survival she was given by the doctors back in 2005.

"It is heartbreakingly sad to think this amazing girl may well not be here to see her 21st birthday. The work she continues to do to raise awareness for organ donation is incredible; she is a true inspiration."

Jessica said: "A lung transplant for me will be life changing. It will mean the world to me."

She is raising money for the specialist Cystic Fibrosis unit at King's College Hospital in London, where she is a patient.

Jessica said: "It is vital that cystic fibrosis sufferers receive the appropriate healthcare to ensure

a better quality and length of life.

"The CF unit at King's College Hospital provides a home from home for those frequent and often lengthy stays and all proceeds will be donated to the centre to help others like me."

Jessica will be accompanied by a team of specialists from King's College Hospital, to support her throughout the event.

Cystic fibrosis is one of the UK's most common life-threatening

inherited diseases and affects more than 8,000 people by attacking internal organs, especially the lungs and digestive system, by clogging them with thick mucus.

This makes it hard to breathe and digest food.

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# Victory amongst friends

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A STRONG community spirit helped earn Minster-in-Thanel the title of Kent Village of the Year.

Judges were so impressed by the togetherness of its residents – as well the quality of a newsletter they receive – that they placed Minster ahead of seven other villages that also entered.

The competition, sponsored by the bottled gas firm Calor, was run by Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

Minster Matters magazine editor Ray Owen, who was behind his village's entry, was delighted with the outcome.

He said: "It means a great deal to me to have won, not because I enjoy taking praise but because the village deserves it."

"I moved here in 1983 and there's nowhere else I'd want to live now."

"I really get on with the community and could go out for a paper and spend three hours walking about talking to shopkeepers and having tea and coffee with the villagers."

"Minster is just such a friendly place. You can visit one of the coffee shops here and find customers serving other customers if the people who work there are too busy."

Minster-in-Thanel, which has a population of about 3,000, was named Kent Village of the Year after scooping first place in both the community and communications categories.

The business award went to Marden, near Maidstone, for residents' support of local firms, while Hollingbourne, also near Maidstone, scooped the award for sustainability.

A £250 prize was awarded in each



**TOGETHERNESS:** Minster-in-Thanel is Kent Village of the Year and will now represent the county in the national competition

category as well as an additional £250 for the overall winner. This year's competition was also notable for the inclusion of Bilsington, near Ashford, which, with a population of just 274, was the smallest village to have ever entered.

Organiser and deputy director Miranda Hayes said: "It's never an easy decision."

"All the entries were very good this year and it was very hard to pick just one Village of the Year."

"It's nothing to do with window-boxes or looking pretty. Burham near Medway won

last year and you wouldn't say it was necessarily pretty, but it does have a great community spirit."

"The same can be said for Minster, where the parish council does a lot for its residents and where the communication between people is great."

"This competition brings people together for a common aim and is something positive they can all be involved in. It also helps a village identify its weaknesses and can help provide solutions."

The other villages that took part in the



competition were East Peckham, near Tonbridge; Hawkhurst, near Tunbridge Wells; Charing, near Ashford; and Manston, in Thanet.

Judges decided to award a further £250 to Bilsington for the upkeep of its village hall. The prize is normally given to the newcomer of the year, but there were no new entries this year.

Minster-in-Thanel will now go forward to represent Kent in the national Village of the Year competition, the results of which will be announced in December.



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## Author grows in recognition as book nominated to bloom

WHITSTABLE crime writer Lesley Cookman's latest novel *Murder In Bloom* has been selected in a national competition to find Britain's top new authors.

The People's Book Prize, whose patrons include authors Dame Beryl Bainbridge and Paul Bleazard, gives the public the chance to vote on their favourite books and new writing talent.

*Murder In Bloom* is one of 12 fiction titles chosen to face this month's people's vote.

The book is the fifth Libby Sarjeant murder mystery from the author. Set in the gardening world, it follows



**FLOWER:** Lesley Cookman

the adventures of middle-aged actress turned crime solver Libby Sarjeant.

While renovating the gardens of a TV personality, Libby's student son Adam stumbles across a long-buried body, giving mum the

chance to pull on her wellies and stir up some dirt.

Lesley said: "It's a real surprise to be selected for this award. With every book I write, Libby seems to be making new fans. I hope they will support her and make her the people's choice."

Every month a selection of new books are showcased on the People's Book Prize and the top three, as voted by readers, go through to the finals. The finalists will be announced at the People's Book Prize Awards ceremony in London next July.

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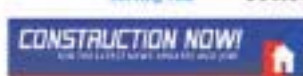
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# Care gaps 'shorten lives'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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## Lack of NHS support for muscle disorder sufferers

PATIENTS with the degenerative disease muscular dystrophy are missing out on the vital support of specialist care advisors, a charity has revealed.

Nick Bungey, head of policy and campaigns at the Muscular Dystrophy (MD) Campaign, said families in the county affected by the muscle disease were being "left stranded and felt abandoned".

It comes as the Walton Report, an investigation by the All Party Parliamentary Group on MD, criticised the way the NHS plans services for rare conditions across the South East.

After taking evidence from leading clinicians, researchers and patients nationally, the MPs and peers found that NHS decision-makers were "effectively shortening the lives of vulnerable children and adults due to failing and gaps in specialist care".

Mr Bungey said the main problem in Kent was there were no MD care advisors supporting families, unlike in other counties where primary care trusts (PCTs) fund the positions. He said: "It means patients are left stranded with no-one to turn to or talk to. It is difficult to get advice from GPs or doctors."

"MD is life-limiting and it can be quite tough to access specialist advice."

"The [Walton] report found that people feel abandoned and, yes, they do not have that kind of support, which leaves families feeling quite stranded in terms of who to turn to."

"They spend their whole life chasing occupa-

tional therapists, physiotherapists and doctors' appointments – care advisors can do this work on behalf of the family, without that care advisor's support they are struggling."

The terms MD and neuromuscular disorders describe a large group of conditions which affect either the muscles, such as those in the arms and legs or heart and lungs, or the nerves which control the muscles.

Most conditions are progressive and cause the muscles to gradually weaken over time.

MD care advisors provide specialist care, support and advice about issues like home adaptations, access to physiotherapy, occupational therapists, wheelchairs and support through social services, he said.

### Begging letters

Susan Bishop, whose husband Mark, 51, has MD, said she knows first hand how important it is to have specialist support.

"They are a vital part of care and treatment for someone with MD," she said. "They know about MD and are good at pointing people in the right direction for services and assistance."

The couple, who live in Herne Bay, said accessing wheelchair services was a problem in the east Kent area.

"By the time you get a new one they have deteriorated even further," she said. "Everything takes so long and with a progressive disease it is not cost effective so much as money being wasted."

Mrs Bishop, 48, said her husband recently waited for 18 months for a wheelchair to be altered and refitted to meet his needs.

"They admitted defeat and said they could not do it because it's too expensive," she said.



**HARD:** Susan and Mark Bishop say they have to continually fight for NHS support

"So he is still using his previous one."

"We have had to go to various charities and businesses. It is very difficult to write those begging letters but his original one needs to be replaced... He has to live in this wheelchair so it has to be right."

She said it was also difficult accessing phys-

iotherapy for her husband, who was diagnosed with MD in 1967 and was not expected to live beyond the age of 18.

"I've found that a selection of physiotherapists, from personal experience, do not like working with people who do not get better," she said. "If you've broken your leg they are happy to get you going again, but for people with MD it is an on-going thing. It's vital for keeping what little movement is there and keeping the muscles and ligaments active."

Mrs Bishop added: "You have to be determined to make a nuisance of yourself. If you do not push you do not get."

"Advisors help you do that pushing because it is very tiring."


Andrew Bibby, associate director of South East Coast Specialised Commissioning Group, which works on behalf of NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, NHS Medway, and NHS West Kent, said the Walton report highlighted challenges in co-ordinating care for patients with neuromuscular disorders like MD.

"The three PCTs in Kent are working with others across the South East to develop plans on how services can better meet the needs of people with neuromuscular disorders," he said.

"Each PCT funds a substantial range of services for individuals with these conditions including specialist medical care, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, dietary advice and neuromuscular clinics plus emotional and practical support for parents, teachers and carers."

He said health bosses were "considering" employing care co-ordinators.

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For more information about the show and to book, visit [www.thehopfarm.co.uk](http://www.thehopfarm.co.uk) or [www.pawsinthepark.net](http://www.pawsinthepark.net).

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## School's a-buzz over birthday celebration

CALLING all old Hornets and Seahorses, the time for you to reunite has come.

The Hereson School for boys is 100 years old this month and a party for former students is being held to mark the occasion.

In its early days, pupils at the school were known as The Hornets because of their distinctive amber and black uniform and were often referred to as 'the swarm'.

The nickname was later changed to the Seahorses.

The event is being held at the Broadstairs school in Ramsgate Road on Friday, September 11, from 4-9.30pm, and anyone who attended the school from when it opened in 1909 to the present day is invited.

Around 300 to 400 people could turn up, according to organiser Vic Todd, a former student and current school site manager.

Previous reunions at local pubs have become popular, with so many attending that the school hall has been chosen to hold the centenary party.

### Catch up

Mr Todd said: "I hope all of those who came here, or to the old school site, will come along and mark the occasion with us. It should be a great afternoon.

"It's a great chance to catch up with people you many have known and lost contact with or those former schoolmates you may have forgotten about completely.

"We really will welcome everyone through the doors again, young or old."

The hall walls will be decorated with old photographs and articles about the school from the press and school archives.

Mr Todd is also keen for anyone who may have an old Hornet's style school blazer to bring it along to add to the display.



**REUNION: Old boys Vic Todd and Ron Stokes are looking forward to the party**

"It will be a great addition to the occasion, so hopefully someone will bring one," he said.

To add to the celebrations former old boy Ron Stokes, who was at the school during the war, has compiled a comprehensive book charting the school's history.

He will be selling copies on the night and all the profits will go back to the school, which will move to its new Pysons Road site soon.

He said: "On the night we will present a cheque back to the school for the amount it has cost to compile and print the book, so it has worked out really well.

"It has been something I've worked on for many months but I have loved every minute of it. I'm really pleased with the results."

On the reunion, he said: "It should be a great night, the other ones we've been having have been very interesting, well attended and good fun.

"It will be great to see everyone to mark the school's birthday in style."





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# Box clever with nutritious packed lunches for school

**Keeping an eye on what children eat can be tricky, even more so once they go back into the classroom this week. RACHEL MCATHY goes in search of top local produce for the ultimate school lunch.**

THOUSANDS of children head back to school this week, after plenty of summer fun with their families.

But for many mums and dads across the county, it signals a return to the daily task of packing a nutritious, balanced lunch.

Coming up with new and exciting ideas for a packed lunch, alongside conflicting advice on what we should and should not be providing, can often leave parents clutching at straws.

Getting the balance right can be tricky, but at this time of year there are plenty of healthy options to choose from, growing right now in the county.

Often the main event will be the sandwich, which can easily be made healthier using wholemeal bread, or even wholemeal wraps for a Mexican twist. Kent salad farms are thriving at this time of year, so sandwiches can be crammed full of lettuce, cucumber and tomato.

Doug Wanstall, from Foodforkent.co.uk says combination is the key: "In sandwiches, at this time of year there is so much salad about, so add baby leaf to fillings.

"It has a great flavour and is really fresh at the moment.

"The best thing is to have a combination; use favourites like ham with lettuce, or cheese with fresh tomatoes. These can all be sourced locally."

The next step is fruit and in Kent, you cannot get better than the lunchbox classic, the apple.

"Everyone needs their five a day and a lunchbox is a great place to achieve that," he said.

"Katy apples and discovery apples are a great choice, as they are very sweet and crisp and go into a lunchbox beautifully.

"With varieties which have been picked down the road, not only are they fresher, crispier and in my opinion tastier, but also they have not had to travel halfway across the globe to get into the lunchbox.

"Plums are also a great choice and they taste so good at this time of year. Other good ideas for a snack in the lunchbox are carrot sticks, or Kentish hazelnuts, such as the cobnut variety.

"The difficulty is often getting kids started on these things, but once they are you will find they generally choose them over less healthy options."

So what about the naughty but nice lunchbox fillers?

"As for healthier options, such as crisps and chocolate, I think avoiding them completely is very healthy but unreasonable to expect children to do that," he said.



"They should be seen as a treat, rather than an everyday food. "Crisps are easy to eat and a lot of kids eat far too many. I have seen children take five packets of crisps to school before. At most they should be had only every other day, or twice a week."

To wash all this down, Doug recommends replacing carbonated drinks with one of Kent's fresh juices, such as apple or pear.

"Another idea which I like to do for my kids is to dilute the juices to 25 per cent juice and the rest water," he said.

"This not only reduces the cost for parents, but also gives kids a sweet, tasty and very healthy drink for lunchtimes."

Other children, who enjoy a school-provided meal at lunchtime, may also find their food has come from closer to home than they might think. Every day more than 50,000 school meals are served in Kent, with more and more of these created using

locally-grown ingredients from greengrocers and farmers.

Foodforkent.co.uk supplies eggs, fruit, vegetables and meat to a number of schools up and down the county.

Sue Birchall is from Willesborough Primary School, just one school which receives a delivery of Kent produce to create their school dinners.

"Schools are very much a central part of the community, so buying and cooking local food allows us to support our economy and environment," she said.

Along with many other schools in the county, they will be taking part in the Kent Food Week, starting on September 28.

Schools will be serving up tasty meals sourced straight from local farms, such as Kent-reared pork sausages with onions and Appledore chicken pie.

## Youngsters can turn up the heat for chef award

BUDDING young chefs who think they can wow a judge with their culinary skills, can now try out for the Kent Young Chef Award.

The contest, run by Produced in Kent, requires entrants to write their own recipe for a main dish, using local and seasonal ingredients from the county.

Finalists will also get the chance to meet Ready, Steady, Cook chef Richard Philips and Art Attack presenter Neil Buchanan for a live cook off at Thanet College.

Download an entry form from [www.producedinkent.co.uk](http://www.producedinkent.co.uk) and email it to [youngchef@wac.uk.com](mailto:youngchef@wac.uk.com).

The competition is open to all secondary school children in years 7 to 8 for the junior group and 9 to 11 for the senior group. All entries must be received by Friday, October 30.



## Support your school whilst shopping for local produce

SCHOOLS across the county can now offer top quality local produce to children, whilst raising money for the classroom.

Parents or staff can register with Foodforkent.co.uk, by filling in the registration form and returning it to us by emailing [schools@foodforkent.co.uk](mailto:schools@foodforkent.co.uk).

They will then receive information on how to promote Food For Schools and Food for Kent will donate £250 for every order of £40 or more.

Customers simply go to Foodforkent.co.uk to register and when asked how they heard about the site, they choose 'My local school' and then fill in the information.

Each month, registered schools will receive a report with details of how many shoppers they have encouraged, with a cheque for the money raised.

## Choose goodies for yourself

WHERE better to experience Kent food production than at one of the county's farmers markets?

There are plenty of chances to sample the best of the region's produce this weekend.

To get information on other markets running this week visit [www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk](http://www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk).



## foodforkent.co.uk

We are committed to adding more local suppliers to our online service and any local business or producer that wishes to join our campaign should contact us at [foodforkent.co.uk](http://foodforkent.co.uk) or email us at [feedback@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:feedback@kosmedia.co.uk)



## KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

### We have to trust justice will out

GROWING numbers of parents hiring lawyers to fight school admissions appeals is a sad knock-on effect of the recession.

Of course parents should be free to spend their money as they wish and fight on behalf of their children as best they can and by whatever means they choose.

However, all families, whether they have drafted their appeal themselves or with the help of a £2,000 solicitor, are relying on the judgement of the independent appeal panel.

We have to put faith in the panel's ability to effectively judge the strength of a case based on the facts and then it should not make a difference whether it is put across by a lawyer or parent.

This year there is even more pressure on places at the most successful state schools because the recession has forced some parents to pull out of the private schools system.

All we can do is trust and hope the experts on the appeals panels will ensure fair play and justice prevail. But at the end of the day it is the lawyers that get rich.

### Lighter pockets

IN 30 years' time when traditional light bulbs will be long-forgotten by most, one bright spark will still be using them to light her way.

Our mystery 100-watt hoarder bought more than 1,000 to ensure they last until her dying days, in the process making one shopkeeper a very happy man.

## OPINION:

## Hotline needs your help

### We can be justifiably proud of Kent Health Watch, says County Hall's Alan Marsh



FOR most of us, August was a month to relax, unwind and enjoy a well-deserved summer break.

Not so for the NHS, whose treatment and care of patients was put well and truly under the media microscope. It began well enough as experts and critics alike gently acknowledged how well swine flu was being tackled.

However, one of the Government's key drivers, Patient Safety Direct, suffered yet another delay and will not be ready until summer 2010.

It is essentially a hotline for patients and staff to call to record safety incidents. At an estimated cost of £12 million for three years, I am at a loss to understand why, when it was promised by the end of 2008, the rest of the country is still waiting for this service.

I say the rest of the country because I am proud to say we already have Kent Health Watch here. This hotline runs 365 days a year for all matters involving health, not just patient safety. What's more, we provide this service at a cost of 1p per family per week.

By the end of the month, Thursday, August 27, to be precise, the gloves were well and truly off and the NHS received a double blow. Although the Audit Commission found slightly better coding on patient records than it did last year, they were con-

cerned at the number of records that did not have enough information, which could jeopardise patient safety. These findings would have left me speechless, were it not for the damning report which came out on the very same day. Curious timing?

I refer to the Patients Association's Patients Not Numbers, People Not Statistics dossier that contains 16 first-hand accounts of care, which the newspapers called cruel and neglectful, and I would call frightening. You probably saw or heard its president, Claire Rayner, eloquently and passionately explaining the findings.

As we have found with Kent Health Watch, the Patients Association helpline receives a good number of calls thanking and praising the nurses and staff – but if it does go wrong, it can go very wrong.

So it needs to be sorted. And fast. The dossier showed elderly cancer patients being left to die in their own faeces and people being left with no food or water.

To paraphrase the director of the Patients Association, there

were two accounts of appalling treatment from Mid Staffs NHS where neglect is reported to have led to the deaths of hundreds of people, but they failed to stand out among the rest of the complaints nationally.

Have we really come to this? In my role as cabinet member for public health I can say our primary care trusts and hospitals in Kent have a dedicated and committed staff that, on the whole, provide an extraordinary service in often difficult circumstances.

So what I am passionate about is making sure that, when the system does go wrong, there is someone there to listen and that patients and staff have a voice that will be heard. If calls to the Patients Association from Staffordshire were somehow lost within the national picture, then I can take comfort that Kent Health Watch would have been able to spot the problem early.

Indeed, I am arranging to meet the association to see if we can offer additional support. They, like Kent Health Watch, provide a signposting service to advice and information, but they are

only open Monday to Friday, from 10am to 4pm. Kent Health Watch is there for you 24/7.

Our service is about to reach its first anniversary. Kent Health Watch has taken hundreds of calls and, with the weight of KCC behind it, has helped solve problems for patients who called. It has been a safety net for those unable to find answers.

We don't want to wait for a dossier to be published or a report to be announced before we get the true Kent picture of what is happening in our health system. My job is to make sure we know what is happening, sooner rather than later, and to lobby and push to make sure patients get the care they deserve and the staff get the support they need.

You have a chance to help. You can make a difference. Call Kent Health Watch on 08458 247 103 and tell us your experiences and I promise your voice will be heard.

• **Alan Marsh is Kent County Council's cabinet member for public health.**

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## Why all the secrecy?

Is anyone else wondering why the whole of Margate old town centre had to be cleared of people and traffic and scrubbed up like never before, so two Chinese people could meet the mayors of three Thanet towns?

It swarmed with police all night and the pavements were nicely weeded and swept. The food festival booked months ago was moved without notice. And all for the sake of a secret visit connected to the China Gateway project. Why was it secret? Why are they afraid of us seeing what they're doing?

Who paid for it? And will we ever really know why Thanet council is prepared to go to so much trouble to make sure this unpopular project goes ahead?

The police tried to stop anyone filming the event, but a determined resident did anyway.

See the results on YouTube by searching China Gateway – A Visiting Delegation: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjvHeqW3dCY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjvHeqW3dCY).

*Christine Tongue, Broadstairs*

## Searching for my dad

Could any Kent on Sunday readers provide information that might help locate my father? I was born in Chatham on November 6, 1968, and named Michiela Turner.

My father – who I've not seen since I was two – is Michael Turner. At the time he lived in Gillingham.

My grandfather, Norman Frederick Turner, lived in Hoo St Weyburgh and worked as a process worker at an oil refinery. I have a copy of my parents' marriage certificate, which is my only source of information.

I would be grateful for any details about my family. I believe my grandfather is no longer alive, but am hoping my father and possibly my grandmother might still be. I now live in Australia and have children of my own. I would love to find my father. My email address is: holley21@bigpond.com.

*Kyla (Michiela) Holley*

## Attack NHS at your peril

As part of a right-wing Republican campaign to prevent Americans receiving decent healthcare, one of our region's Tory MEPs, Daniel Hannan, has been attacking our National Health Service.

Of course, David Cameron, ever conscious of public relations, sought to dismiss him as a maverick. Unfortunately, Hannan and others have been peddling this nonsense for some time and Mr Cameron has never uttered a word of censure.

Behind the veneer of the new compassionate Tory Party, there are many who would like to radically change our healthcare to something as unequal and uncaring as the US system.

Many of us have deep personal reasons to want to save the NHS. My gran was born in 1923. She left home at 14 to work as a domestic servant.

From 1937 until 1948, she was petrified of falling ill, as was everybody else in her

situation and of her background. Why? Because going to the doctor could cost two weeks' wages. The NHS isn't perfect, but it's free at the point of use and surely we want to keep a health service which doesn't rely on the charity of your employer or even on the necessity of having a job before you get medical care.

Despite Mr Cameron's declarations, there are many in the Conservative Party who believe some people should be able to buy a better service.

I have only ever known a Britain with the NHS. My gran was able to explain to me what it was like before and I don't ever want to experience that.

With some Tories openly advocating the destruction of the NHS, no matter how caring they pretend to be, the true nature of their politics is coming through.

Defend the NHS.

*Martin McCusker, Kemsley*

## He's my kind of mayor

I have lost confidence in all politicians, people in authority, the justice system, the press and practically all our established institutions.

It seems most are corrupt, inefficient or both. They see the public as units to be used and abused. So it came as a pleasant shock when I received an email concerning the new mayor of Doncaster, Peter Davies. He has come up with radical changes, including:

- Taking a £43,000 pay cut.
- Closed the council's newspaper for "peddling politics on the rates".
- He plans to cut councillors from 63 to 21, saving £800,000.
- He has withdrawn Doncaster's local government information unit, saving £200,000.
- Got rid of his chauffeur-driven car.
- Left a twinning organisation he considers "binges" at council expense.

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• Promised to end council funding for International Women's Day, Black History Month and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month.

Here is a man who will make a difference, someone people can have faith in. We need more like him. How many of the above are Swale council and KCC involved in?

*Martin Clarke, Sittingbourne*

## Banking on a change

On a perfect sunny day in Aldington, with free entertainment provided by the Soap Box Derby, it's easy to forget the reason I'm not at work is due to a Bank Holiday.

Paying off 30 per cent interest on the credit card debt is one thing, but being indebted to banks for a holiday is quite another.

Surely the time has come to give our public holidays a new title. Perhaps your readers could come up with a new name that better represents the spirit of the times.

No amount of special pleading should save the bosses of our banks from the wrath of the nation for their recent actions.

Not content with taking the country to the economic precipice, they are still haggling to save their bonuses, yet at the same time putting thousands out of work and filling banks' coffers instead of lending to small businesses.

The Government's action in shoring up Northern Rock, bailing out the Halifax, Lloyds and RBS – to name but a few – cannot be used as an excuse by bankers to return to their bad old ways.

Bankers, like all of us, may be entitled to an occasional holiday, but given their actions this past year the only holiday they are worthy of is a visit to the Tower of London.

An extended holiday at that, until they have learnt the meaning of the word usury and cured themselves of gambling with other people's hard-earned money.

*Donald Worsley, Labour parliamentary candidate for Folkestone and Hythe*

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## BIRTHS

### BARRATT

Lucy and Steven Barratt celebrate the birth of their son George Steven Barratt on 22nd August 2009.

### BELTON

Benjamin Thomas born on 15th August 2009, weighing 6lbs 15oz. Son to Philip and Vicki Belton in Maidstone.

### BRIGHTON

Thomas Charles born on 17th August 2009 brother to Lily and son to Philip and Sinead.

### COLLINS

Carl Collins and Nicola Holden of Cheriton, celebrate the birth of their daughter Scarlett Ocean Collins on the 21st August 2009. Our precious pearl whom we will treasure forever.

### COPESTAKE

Hope Bethon born on 21st August 2009, weighing 6lbs 11oz. Daughter to Beth and Simeon Copestake, sister to Brook Ethon.

### HOBBS

Brinley Dennis Michael David Hobbs born on 14th August to Sheldon and Rachael of Herne Bay. A beautiful son and grandson for Carol, Dave, Michael and Lorraine and great grandson for Michael and Marion. Welcome to the family.

### MUNDAY

Natasha and Adam of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their son Addison Ryan, born on 22 August 2009 at QEQM. Brother to Paris Rachel.

### PARRISH

Nicholas and Karen celebrate the birth of their Daughter Poppy Michaela on 21st August 2009 weighing 6lb 4oz.

## DEATHS

### ELKS

Philip Elks died peacefully at home on Tuesday August 25th 2009 aged 63 years. Much loved husband of Kay, father of Justin and father-in-law

of Tracey, and grandfather of Elliot, Dylan and Oscar. Funeral service will take place at Vinters Park Crematorium on Monday September 7th at 10:15am. Flowers or donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses and The Heart of Kent Hospice c/o Viner and Sons Ltd. 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent, ME19 6LU. Tel 01732 842485.

### FRASER

Constance Joyce Fraser died peacefully on 22nd August 2009 at Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital Margate. Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium Margate on 9th September at 2pm. Floral contributions to be sent to Blackburns Funeral Service Broadstairs.

### HOPPER

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Derek James Hopper of Bexleyheath aged 83 years. Evacuated to Maidstone during World War II. Received

Imperial Service Medal. Retired as British Telecommunications Engineer at Whitehall SW1. Funeral at Lewisham Crematorium at 12.30 on the 14th September. All welcome.

### RUSSELL

Sharon Jill Russell of Herne Bay passed away peacefully at the Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury on 31st August 2009 aged 44 years. A much loved sister and auntie who will be very sadly missed. The funeral will be held at Barham Crematorium on 14th September at 2pm.

### SOUTHERN

A loved one is not gone, until they are forgotten! And to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

### SPARKES

Reginald Sparkes of Dartford died peacefully on 22nd August 2009. Funeral Service at Eltham Crematorium at 10.45 am on Monday 7th September 2009.

## Turn landmarks blue

We are calling on your readers to help bring diabetes to light on World Diabetes Day – Saturday, November 14.

We are taking part in the World Diabetes Day Monument Challenge and calling on your readers to join in by lighting local landmarks and buildings in blue on or around November 14.

Blue represents World Diabetes Day because it is the official colour of the logo and of the UNite for Diabetes campaign which was instrumental in the United Nations' resolution recognising diabetes as a major threat to global health.

World Diabetes Day aims to raise awareness of diabetes and the impact that it has on the 250 million people with diabetes around the world. Diabetes is a serious condition that can lead to heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and amputation.

This year the theme is diabetes education and prevention. In the UK, there are 2.5 million people diagnosed with diabetes and this number is expected to rise to four million by 2025.

If you are interested in helping us by getting a local landmark lit up in blue, email [worlddiabetesday@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:worlddiabetesday@diabetes.org.uk) or visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/worlddiabetesday](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/worlddiabetesday) for further information.

*Douglas Smallwood, Diabetes UK*

## Legal Aid debt advice

The recession will have already affected families in Kent, but with the new school term upon us there are concerns that parents could now be facing a hefty bill for things like school uniforms, stationery, school bags and PE kit.

As all parents will appreciate, last year's school uniforms will most likely be too worn or too small to be used for another term, and the costs can soon add up.

Parents living on a low income or benefits who think these unavoidable costs could put them into debt can get help from the Community Legal Advice helpline (0845 345 4 345).

Legal Aid is 60 this year and still providing help to those who need it. Community Legal Advice, the free and confidential advice service funded by Legal Aid provides advice for debt, welfare benefits and tax credits, housing, education, employment and family problems.

People concerned about the cost of the call can text 'legallaid' and their name to 80010 and an operator will call back. Alternatively, visit [www.communitylegaladvice.org.uk](http://www.communitylegaladvice.org.uk).

The Community Legal Advice helpline is open from 9am to 8pm on weekdays, and 9am to 12.30pm on Saturdays.

*Denise McConnell,  
Legal Services Commission*

## ME care under threat

Nearly every one of your readers will know someone who has ME. They may even know someone who is so badly affected by the illness that they are housebound or bedbound, require a wheelchair or need to be tube fed.

Now, Government is proposing sweeping changes to the English care system.

This latest attempt to cut the Treasury bill could well be at the cost of genuinely ill people who desperately need more help, not less. Action for ME is urging everyone with

ME to take part in the public consultation on the proposals, by completing the survey on our website, [www.afme.org.uk](http://www.afme.org.uk).

It asks important questions about people's health and care needs. We will campaign hard on the basis of the results.

*Sir Peter Spencer, Action for ME*

## Generic drug danger

From January new dispensing regulations will be in place throughout the UK.

Pharmacists will be expected to change the brand of drug named on a prescription and replace it with a different, cheaper, generic brand. This is as part of the Department of Health's 2009 Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme agreement. This will make generic substitution legal. This means a pharmacist can (and will) replace more expensive branded versions of drugs with cheaper generic versions.

They will not have to consult with either the patient or the doctor who wrote the prescription.

The NHS estimates this will save £50 million a year. Epilepsy Action is concerned about this. We are campaigning to make anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs) exempt from the rules of generic substitution.

Different versions of the same AEDs can vary slightly. It is believed switching between different versions can result in an increase in seizures or worse side effects for some people.

Unless epilepsy is excluded from this legislation it could lead to thousands of people with epilepsy having their medication switched for purely financial reasons. There will be no consideration of how this will affect them, or their epilepsy.

We believe people with epilepsy must receive the same version of their AED unless their doctor prescribes otherwise for medical, not financial, reasons.

As part of this campaign, Epilepsy Action is supporting an e-petition on the Downing Street website.

This is an online petition to the Prime Minister asking him to take action. We need as many people as possible to sign, to show how important this is for people with epilepsy. You can sign at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/epilepsygenerics>.

Once you have filled in your details, you will need to confirm your signature to the petition by clicking a link you will receive by email. Please show your support and sign.

*Philip Lee, Epilepsy Action*

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## More food for thought

The Government's recent declaration that it wants to increase food production in the UK might prove more difficult than imagined.

Firstly, the big supermarkets control farming in Britain and the politicians will not want to upset the likes of the Sainsbury's who donate millions to Labour's coffers.

Likewise the Conservatives surely wouldn't upset Asda, previously run by Tunbridge Wells Tory Archie Norman.

Supermarkets are making huge profits using homegrown produce, but at a terrible cost to British agriculture. Because they pay such a low price for produce, farmers are struggling to survive.

The billions of British taxpayers' money that has been thrown at French farmers via EU support from Brussels, and the billions that have gone to Spain, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and other members of the EU should be used to secure food production at home.

Membership of the EU has changed the face of agriculture in Britain. Supermarkets will haul produce from anywhere in the EU if they can buy more cheaply, subsidised by our taxes.

Unable to find buyers for produce, British farmers either grub out crops or go out of business. Supermarkets only support British farmers when it suits them.

Farming here could also be helped by the

Government if subsidies and other monies due to them were paid on time.

In many instances payments have failed to materialise. Unlike in the rest of the EU, where British taxpayers' money is readily available.

But the worst is yet to come and any Government will be helpless to stop the cheap grain and other produce that is about to flood world markets from Chernobyl's backyard in Ukraine.

The vast landscapes of Russia are poised to wipe out grain production here if we are not careful, by regaining prominence as the breadbasket of Europe.

However, despite all the above, there is one vital thing that must be done, and that is to put a final stop to burying the countryside and farmlands under even more concrete for developments of all kinds.

*Roger Arnold, Herne Bay*

## A stake in EU survival

How many EU supporters have a financial stake in its survival?

It's become a racket and a way of redistributing resources from the people who don't work for it to the people who do.

My view is that people who support the treaty are in the main paid by the EU or are rightly frightened by the EU or do not have sufficient knowledge of what it's all about.

Take heed from a Russian dissident, Mr Bukovsky, who said: "I have lived in your future and I did not like it."

*Victor Webb, Tunbridge Wells*

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## Broader options tempt pupils to stay in system

A WIDER range of available qualifications is tempting pupils in Kent to reconsider leaving school early, a new survey suggests.

Research commissioned by the child advice service Connexions reveals about a fifth of 15 and 16-year-olds in the South East want to continue in education for longer than they first planned.

It also suggests that more than a third of those already planning to stay in the system are thinking more carefully about the subjects or qualifications they are going to take next year.

Last week it was announced a record 72.4 per cent of Kent pupils achieved at least five A\* to C grades in their GCSE exams.

Connexions careers adviser Maggie Cowan said: "It's very impor-

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tant that students who have just received their GCSE results seek advice to help with their choices.

"There is now a much broader range of post-16 options available to young people in Kent – including the Diploma, A levels and a growing number of apprenticeships – meaning students should be able to find subjects and qualifications that suit their strengths and interests."

The strengthening of A levels and the introduction of the Diploma are both part of an educational reform started by the Government last September.

Schools minister Vernon Coker said he was pleased to see so many young people in Kent opting to stay in education or training after their GCSEs. He said: "We have always

known young people who continue to develop their skills and seek higher levels of qualifications have stronger career prospects than those who don't. For this reason we have introduced even more options for young people – such as the Diploma – and measures that guarantee there will be a place in learning for anyone aged 16 or 17, whether that's at school, college, in training or an apprenticeship."

Last year Kent pupils had two Diplomas to choose from – construction and the built environment, and society, health and development – but this year there will be a further seven available.

These include engineering, creative and media, IT, hair and beauty studies, hospitality, environmental and land-based studies, and business, administration and finance.

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## Teenage 'Tiger' takes the oath

**TEENAGER** Michael Rolfe became the first person to swear the oath of allegiance at Maidstone's Army Careers Information Office.

The 16-year-old visited the new building on Wednesday to mark the start of a 42-week course that offers a combination of military and vocational training.

Upon completion of the course Michael will join his local regiment, the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.

Careers office manager Sgt Gary Palmer said: "We wish him all the success with his training and the start of a new career with the Tigers."



**THREE OF A KIND:** Chris Hunnisett (centre) and fellow Kent pupils Francesca Godden and Callum Millar attended the Canterbury Christ Church University summer school

## They're young, gifted and back

**GIFTED** pupils from across the country attended a summer school at Canterbury Christ Church University.

Youngsters aged between four and 19 were put forward by their schools to take part in the initiative as a reward for academic excellence last year. Three of the 31 pupils were from Kent and all three took part in a special advanced chemistry course.

Chris Hunnisett, 16, who attends Simon Langton Grammar in Canterbury, said: "I chose to take part because I am taking chemistry next year for A level. I thought it would be an opportunity to familiarise myself with organic chemistry, which is part of the course."



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Programme manager Shelley Newton said: "In times of recession it's not every day that you can announce there's money available for industry to access."

"We have allocated £500,000 for the winter programme, which ranges from biodiversity, environmental land management, precision farming, media skills, business health checks, supply chain efficiency, succession planning and more."

"So there's a huge amount of activity over the winter and up to 70 per cent funding towards the costs."

The scheme will be managed by Lantra, the sector skills council for the environmental and land-based industries, which is licensed by the Government to drive forward the new skills, training and business development agenda for the sector.

Since the programme began in September, 2008, more than 3,800 people have benefited from 800 courses.

To date, the £2.1m project has funded high-level technical training such as agronomy, IT, chainsaw skills, first aid, health and safety, spraying, marketing, working with other nationalities, and a variety of activities which provide guest speakers, knowledge transfer and good practice.

The winter programme will also include training opportunities for rural tourism, which includes courses on marketing for rural tourism communities, smarter marketing, marketing green credentials, sourcing local produce and more.

## Building confidence is the key

**TEENAGERS** who do not attend school were recognised for completing two training programmes set up by the crime reduction charity Nacro.

One was a 10-week course designed to tackle youth unemployment, while the other was an intensive activity-based scheme for youngsters who are disengaged from education. The programmes were designed to help

cut down on the growing number of 'neets' – which stands for not in employment, education or training – in Kent and Medway.

Project manager Lesley Game said: "We work closely with them to build up their basic skills and confidence."

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Canterbury College is an equal opportunities employer Canterbury College is a Further and Higher Education College in the heart of Kent. Our goal is to be one of the best FE Colleges in England by 2010. We have 9,000 students across 300 courses and enjoy an enviable reputation as a great place to learn. Our brand new £50M Campus is also home to nearly 800 staff and we have some great career opportunities which may be right for you. You will have a minimum of a good first degree in a relevant subject area and demonstrate a willingness to contribute to the development of the HE programmes. For theory and related practice you should be able to offer ongoing support and guidance with project work and student dissertations to degree level. The closing date for the above posts is Friday 11th September 2009 at 12 noon For an information pack please visit [www.canterburycollege.ac.uk](http://www.canterburycollege.ac.uk) or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the above reference. Staff benefits include: • Pension & Life Assurance Scheme • Sports Hall & Gym • Proximity to main bus & train stations • Generous Holiday Allowance • Close to City Centre • Staff Discount Scheme

**To apply/more information:**  
Human Resources Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: S/HE/TE  
Tel: 01227 811282  
(24 hr answerphone)  
Email  
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### Caretaker

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** 37 hours per week, salary starting at £15,312 per annum  
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Human Resources Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: 09/55  
Tel: 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone)  
Email  
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### Trainer Demonstrator Construction

**Sheerness**  
**Salary:** 18.5 hours per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting at £19,248 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** Friday 11th September 2009 at 12 noon  
Sheppey College is an equal opportunities employer Sheppey College is a satellite of Canterbury College and has been open since 1996. We offer a variety of courses in a modern and friendly learning environment and enjoy excellent rates of success. The closing date for the above posts is Friday 11th September 2009 at 12 noon. For an information pack please visit [www.canterburycollege.ac.uk](http://www.canterburycollege.ac.uk) or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the above reference. Staff benefits include: • Pension & Life Assurance Scheme • Sports Hall & Gym • Proximity to main bus & train stations • Generous Holiday Allowance • Close to City Centre • Staff Discount Scheme

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**To apply/more information:**  
Human Resources Office  
Sheppey College  
Quoting Job Ref: 07/07  
Tel: 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting  
Email  
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### TEACHING ASSISTANTS

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £14,891 – £18,937  
**Closing Date:** 18.9.2009  
Abbey Court School, a 'special' school and a 'special' place to work. We are currently looking for ... TEACHING ASSISTANTS to join and enhance our large and expanding, high calibre team. Medway Scale, Grade D2 £14,891 – £18,937 (pay award pending) pro-rata + SEN Allowance (£1,165) Are you committed, motivated and enthusiastic? Does 'Every Child Matter' to you? Can you make a difference? If so, share your talents and expertise with us. Abbey Court is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 4-19 with severe learning difficulties. Working hours are 32.5 p/w, term time only. Previous experience and/or NNEB (or equivalent) qualifications preferred. Comprehensive training and induction will be provided. Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post. This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure. For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying): Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338224). Please note CV's will not be accepted. Closing date: 18.9.2009

**To apply/more information:**  
Abbey Court School  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01634 338224  
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applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

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### Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £25,895 – £29,622 per annum  
**Closing Date:** Friday 26 September 2009  
Lecturer in Motor Vehicle Ref: P0649  
**Salary:** £25,895 – £29,622 per annum  
We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dynamic individual to teach on a range of Motor Vehicle courses. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within the Motor Vehicle Engineering Industry. MidKent College's highly successful Motor Vehicle department is looking for an interactive team member with strong communication skills. The ideal candidate will hold a HNC or degree in a related field and either possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are particularly interested in an individual that has the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen subject. For an informal discussion about this role please call Simon Foot, Head of

School on 01622 625864. Closing date: Friday 26 September 2009  
MidKent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website [www.rbl.co.uk](http://www.rbl.co.uk) for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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Mid Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: P0649  
Tel: 01634 383102  
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## HR, Recruitment

### EMPLOYABILITY MANAGER

**Dartford**  
**Salary:** £44,000  
**Closing Date:** noon on September 16 2009  
This special project Gateway to 'Suscon' has been funded by the ESF (European Social Fund), SEEDA and North West Kent College. The project aims to provide skills for at least 1,250 people for sustainable jobs that respond to the needs of climate change within the construction industry. Initially the project aims to identify skill needs, deliver current programmes, place people in sustainable employment and build a skilled workforce for the future. The project will involve the development of training products, employment support, business support and skills development, all in conjunction with local companies. All posts are based at The Bridge, Dartford. EMPLOYABILITY MANAGER Package: up to £44,000 This person with a construction background will maintain and build partner stakeholder and client relationships in support of employment within sustainable construction, development and delivery of employment initiatives ensuring a high quality delivery. Previous multi-agency working is essential along with experience of initiating and implementing similar projects. All posts are offered on a fixed term 18 months Interviews are expected to take place on 23/24/25 September See our website for further details of the above posts – [www.nwkcollege.ac.uk](http://www.nwkcollege.ac.uk) Online applications only to: HR@nwkcollege.ac.uk. CVs NOT ACCEPTED. NO AGENCIES Closing date for applications: noon on September 16 2009

**To apply/more information:**  
North West Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email HR@nwkcollege.ac.uk

### TRAINING MANAGER

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development of training products, employment support, business support and skills development, all in conjunction with local companies. All posts are based at The Bridge, Dartford TRAINING MANAGER Package: up to £44,000 This person will maximise training opportunities by developing and co-ordinating training programmes to meet sustainable construction criteria. Working closely with employers to design and deliver programmes ensuring that the products and services are accredited. All posts are offered on a fixed term 18 months Interviews are expected to take place on 23/24/25 September See our website for further details of the above posts –

www.nwkclege.ac.uk Online applications only to: HR@nwkclege.ac.uk. CVs NOT ACCEPTED. NO AGENCIES CLOSING date for applications: noon on September 16 2009

**To apply/more information:** North West Kent College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Email HR@nwkclege.ac.uk

## Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

### Trainee

#### Dover

**Salary:** TBA  
**EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY** TRAINEE DEALEAC are the UK's leading internet distributor of Electric Heating, Ventilation and Water Heating Equipment. This position would suit a school leaver with good 'A' Level and GCSE qualifications or anyone interested in learning about our business and working towards becoming a full member of our specialist team. You will need to be both numerate and literate with a keen interest in computers and modern technology. If you are looking for a career rather than just a job, take pride in whatever you do, are willing to please and keen to succeed then you may be the person we are looking for. Applications in writing, including the names and addresses of at least two character referees should be addressed for the personal attention of: Miss Amber Blackwell Dealeac 13 - 15 Priory Gate Road Dover CT17 9SA WWW.DEALEAC.COM

**To apply/more information:** Dealeac

**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### ICT Technical I.L.T Support Engineer

#### Medway

**Salary:** £18,433 - £23,640 per annum

**Closing Date:** Friday 18 September 2009

ICT Technical I.L.T Support Engineer Ref: P0653 **Salary:** £18,433 - £23,640 per annum We are looking to recruit an organized and hard working individual to support the ICT department in developing the College's Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle). The successful candidate should have knowledge within this field and have an understanding of VLE's. The ability to work with a range of software packages including PHP in a Microsoft Windows environment, as well as being able to communicate at various technical levels is essential. Closing date: Friday 18 September 2009 MidKent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbl.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure. Application forms and further details are available from

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**To apply/more information:** Mid Kent College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** P0653  
Tel: 01634 383102  
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

## Insurance, Banking, Finance

### Risk and Control Administrator

#### Chatham

**Salary:** TBA

Lloyds of London are currently recruiting a Risk and Control administrator within the Chatham office. This role is required to check completeness, accuracy and validity of transactions performed within Market Services, assist in the reconciliation of cash accounts both manually and electronically, identify and resolve discrepancies found on daily reports and communicate to colleagues on technical matters in relation to the risk and control team. This role requires high attention to detail and to work within FSA guidelines, Letters of Credit, Life Policies, Unit Trusts and National Savings. For this role you will be required to have the following skills:

- Strong analytical and problem solving skills with attention to detail
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to recognise gaps and trends, identifying key issues and securing relevant information
- Ability to relate and compare from a variety of sources dealing with data quickly and analyse accurately
- Strong IT skills, in particular Excel and Bankers
- Understanding of risks and issues that impact on the ability for Risk and Control to provide an effective service
- Good knowledge of the rules relating to membership of Lloyd's of London
- An understanding of FSA procedures and requirements
- Good knowledge of the processes and controls within Market Services
- Actively share information and knowledge for the wider benefit of colleagues and the organisation where appropriate
- Ability to progress several tasks at once and adapt quickly to new areas of work and responsibility

Experience of working within financial services would be extremely advantageous. This role requires an immediate start and working hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Offering an excellent remuneration package including bonus, generous benefits package and pension. This is an ideal opportunity for someone wishing to work within finance in an established firm that can offer you a career progression. Please apply online directly at: www.lloyds.com

**To apply/more information:** Apply via website  
Lloyds of London  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: www.lloyds.com  
Email www.lloyds.com

### Operational Technical Specialist

#### Chatham

**Salary:** £26,000 - £30,000  
Lloyds of London are currently recruiting for an Operational Technical Specialist within their Market Services department in Chatham. This role is required to deliver a high quality service to its customers, to share knowledge and experience relating to procedures operating within the Operational Support team. Working within a small team you will be required to deliver high quality work within tight deadlines and will communicate financial charges to our clients that will be incurred for the following year, respond to data requests, challenge policy and procedures and deputise for the team manager. You will also assist in carrying out annual income projection modelling and establishing market services price lists. For this role you will be

required to have the following skills:

- Strong analytical skills and attention to detail
- Strong written and telephone communication skills
- Strong time management skills, used to working to deadlines and under a certain amount of pressure
- Strong IT skills, in particular Excel, Access, Lotus Notes and Business Objects
- Very flexible with the ability to multi-task and organise
- High level of accurate data input into various IT systems
- Good knowledge of the rules relating to membership of Lloyd's of London
- Good knowledge of the processes and controls within Market Services
- Self starter with the ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to adapt to new areas of work quickly and accurately
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Lloyds of London  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: www.lloyds.com  
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## Marketing, Advertising

### Exhibition Stand Design, Manufacture and Management

#### Gravesend

**Salary:** TBA

Exhibition Stand Design, Manufacture & Management based in Gravesend, require EXHIBITION CARPENTERS for both workshop and site work e-mail CV to mail@esm-uk.com or tel 01474 536360 for an application form

**To apply/more information:** Esm Ltd  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
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### Commercial and Marketing Assistant

#### Canterbury

**Salary:** £27,000 - £28,000  
An excellent and exciting opportunity has arisen with our friendly and prestigious client for a Commercial and Marketing Assistant. This role will involve:

- Implementing operational Marketing activity, - General Administrative support - And Customer Service management.

The successful candidate will need to be fluent in German and French, due to the nature of the role, and any additional European language skills would be beneficial. Apply now with your CV to be immediately considered for this fantastic opportunity. Due to the high volume of applicants applying for all roles, we can only reply to candidates with the most relevant skills and experience. If you have not heard back from us within 48 hours of your application please assume that you have been unsuccessful on this occasion.

**To apply/more information:** Bliss Piddock  
Morgan Jones Recruitment Consultants  
**Quoting Job Ref:** CA604  
Tel: 01227 762233  
Email bliss@morganjones.net

## Motor Trade, Driver

### Class 1 Part Time Driver

#### Hythe

**Salary:** TBA  
LK Freight require Class 1 Part Time Driver Digidcard. Continental Please phone for further details. Call Lorraine – Tel: 01303 264130

**To apply/more information:** LK Worldwide  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01303 264130  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Part-Time PSV/PCV Driver

#### Medway

**Salary:** TBA  
Part-Time PSV/PCV Driver Required For our home to school transport minibuses Monday - Friday within school term time Driver will require a full manual PSV License and a CRB check for Medway Council Contact our office for further details on 01634 852020 or e-mail us at info@rainhamcoach.co.uk

**To apply/more information:** Rainham Coach Company  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01634 852020  
Email info@rainhamcoach.co.uk

### Experienced CAR Sales Executive

#### Maidstone

**Salary:** TBA

This is an ideal opportunity for a experienced Car Sales Executive to take their career onwards within our Hyundai, Dodge, Chrysler and Jeep operations at Maidstone. The candidate would ideally already be working in a motor dealership environment or possess previous knowledge. You also need to be organised and be an articulate team player capable of converting enquiries into sales and delivering exceptional levels of customer service for this fast growing and forward thinking marque. In return, we offer an excellent salary and commission package. For more information, please send your CV F.A.O. Mark Wood, Dealer Principal, 1-17 The Broadway Maidstone, Kent ME16 8DX Whitehouse Maidstone

**To apply/more information:** Whitehouse Jeep  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Email mark.wood@whitehousegroup.co.uk

## Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

### Assistant Manager

#### Folkestone

**Salary:** TBA  
Required For Residential Care Home in Folkestone. We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed person. Must have Minimum NVO Level 3 Qualification, And Experience in the role above. Please call Miss Julia Carter (Home Manager) on 01303 254019 Subject to satisfactory CRB Check

**To apply/more information:** Cumbria House Residential Home  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01303 254019  
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### Night Care Assistant

#### Deal

**Salary:** TBA  
Residential Care home for the elderly in Deal requires a Night Care Assistant, 2 set nights per week at 19 hours and Afternoon Care Assistant, 3-7pm daily. Please call the Manager. Tel: 01304 360960

**To apply/more information:** Bradfields Residential Home  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01304 360960  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Afternoon Care Assistant

#### Deal

**Salary:** TBA  
Residential Care home for the

elderly in Deal requires a Night Care Assistant, 2 set nights per week at 19 hours and Afternoon Care Assistant, 3-7pm daily. Please call the Manager. Tel: 01304 360960

**To apply/more information:** Bradfields Residential Home  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01304 360960  
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### Community Support Worker

#### Dover

**Salary:** £12856.61 – £17421.40  
**Closing Date:** 25/09/09  
Community Support Workers – Dover and Thanet Districts Salary £12856.61 – £17421.40 per annum subject to qualifications and experience. Full and Part Time Posts available. We are seeking focussed and organised individuals to support people with Learning Disabilities to develop; services, personal skills and access their community resources. Successful applicants will demonstrate knowledge and application of Personalised services and the flexibility to support people with a wide range of skills and abilities. Applicants will work at times requested by the people they support, are expected to follow Person Centred approaches and adhere to the guidelines set out in Valuing People Now. Full support and training will be available. These posts are subject to Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checks. Being holders of the Positive about Disabled People award, disabled applicants who meet the minimum criteria will be offered an interview in every circumstance. The closing date is 25th September 2009. Applications must be via application form. For further information or to request an application form please contact: Lynda Salisbury Office Co-ordinator 01843 224482

**To apply/more information:** Lynda Salisbury  
East Kent Mencap  
**Quoting Job Ref:** CSW0003  
Tel: 01843224482  
Email Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk

### Community Support Worker

#### Thanet

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East Kent Mencap  
**Quoting Job Ref:** CSW0003  
Tel: 01843224482  
Email Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk

### Care Workers and Support Workers

#### Ashford

**Salary:** £10.56 per hour  
Care Workers and Support Workers Earn up to £10.56 per hour We are currently looking to recruit Experienced Healthcare Workers to assist clients living in their own homes and in local residential homes

throughout Ashford and surrounding areas. You can make a real difference, working flexible shifts including mornings, evenings, nights, weekends and sleep-ins. NVQ2 qualification is preferred. Whether you're looking for a few hours a week or full-time work, we'll give you up to 28 days' holiday pay, FREE uniform and training, PLUS 50% towards the cost of your CRB. Call now on: 01233 636773 ashford@alliedhealthcare.com  
www.alliedhealthcare.com Allied Healthcare Group, Ashford An equal opportunities employer. Regulated by CQC.

**To apply/more information:** Allied Healthcare  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01233 636773  
Email ashford@alliedhealthcare.com

## Public Sector, Social Services

### FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY

#### Tunbridge Wells

**Salary:** TBA

We require a Qualified Social worker (or working towards) to manage and develop a small up and coming fostering agency based in SE Kent. Previous fostering management not required but an advantage. This position is considered ideal for someone who would like the opportunity to develop their skills whilst bringing their experience and ideas to expand and develop the business. The ideal candidate will have experience working with children and families and preferably have worked within the fostering sector and/or fostered themselves. For an informal chat and for further information, please contact Steve Richmond on 07710 145802 and 01892 740886

**To apply/more information:** Steve Richmond  
Bene Care  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 07710 145802  
and 01892 740886  
Email sr@benecareitld.co.uk

### Housing Officer x 2

#### Gravesend

**Salary:** Circa £17,000-£24,000  
**Closing Date:** 13 September 2009  
Housing and Environment, Housing Services Housing Officer x 2 Ref: HO/CD  
**Salary:** Circa £17,000-£24,000  
Gravesend is a diverse borough facing exciting challenges in the future. We are at the heart of the Thames Gateway and on the brink of massive growth and development, so if you've got vision, imagination and ambition, there's no better place to progress your career. Applications are invited from experienced housing professionals who can demonstrate a track record of delivering high quality housing and estate management service within the social housing sector. Duties will include: • Tenancy and estate management & dealing with anti-social behaviour. • Tenant participation & Neighbourhood development. • Management of the council owned permanent Traveller sites, working closely with the residents ensuring high standards of repair and cleanliness. • Minimising void rental loss and optimising rental income. • Liaising with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies in delivering the housing management service. A strong team player, you will have strong interpersonal and communication skills, a sound knowledge of housing law and practice and have previous experience in a customer facing role. Knowledge of welfare benefit systems are an advantage, but not essential. A full driving licence and the use of a vehicle are also essential. Closing Date: 13 September 2009 For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Telephone: 01474 33 70 00 Email: customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk Website: www.gravesham.gov.uk/jobs

**To apply/more information:** Gravesham Borough Council  
**Quoting Job Ref:** HO/CD  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS - NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/01986/FL & TM/09/01987/CA – **Snodland Bowls Club** High Street Snodland Kent – The Mortimer Society are applying for Provision of 18no. car parking spaces and moving of existing wall as indicated on submitted plans. Reason: CA

### Reasons for the case being publicised:

CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area

These applications are displayed on our website [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk) – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to [planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk) (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 27 September 2009.

David Hughes  
Chief Executive  
6 September 2009



### KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Hospice in the Weald, Maidstone Road, Pembury Pamela Vale-Taylor**

Applicant: The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey  
Head of Registration  
Regulatory Services  
First Floor, Invicta House,  
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



### KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Stag Community Arts Centre, London Road, Sevenoaks**

Applicant: **Linda Larter**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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1st Floor, Invicta House,  
Maidstone, ME14 1XX



### KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

### APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Mrs B Newman, 11 Bidborough Court, Penshurst Road, Bidborough to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address  
Giles Adey, Head of Registration,  
Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

### KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

### APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Manor Gatehouse, Priory Road, Dartford Giles Adey**

Applicant: The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Head of Registration  
Regulatory Services  
First Floor, Invicta House,  
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX





Highways - Borough of Ashford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (DYNES LANE (SWANTON LANE), BILSINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Dynes Lane (locally known as Swanton Lane), Bilsington, between the junctions with Stone Cross Road and Ashford Road on or after 21 September 2009 for an estimated period of three days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Stone Cross Road and Ashford Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BRISLEY LANE, RUCKINGE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs to areas of erosion and structural failure, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Brisley Lane, Ruckinge, between the junctions of Capel Road and Ashford Road, on or after 21 September 2009, for an estimated period of 4 days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Brisley Lane, Ashford Road and Stone Cross Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (EAST STREET, ASHFORD) (ONE WAY) ORDER 2009**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will have the following effect:-

EAST STREET - ASHFORD

Will become one-way from the junction with Elwick Road to the junction with Regents Place (a distance of 118 metres).

NB This Order was previously advertised as One-Way in the opposite direction but in the interest of public safety the decision was made to propose the new Order.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, between 9.00am and 5pm and at Invicta House, Maidstone.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Robert Mowl at the Transport & Development Agreement Team, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to Robert.mowl@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 28 September 2009.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HUNTER AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new wastewater pipeline, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Hunter Avenue, Ashford, between the junction with Osborne Road and the entrance to the Co-op car park, on or after 14 September 2009, for an estimated period of two weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Osborne Road, Breadlands Road, Twelve Acres and Hunter Avenue

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HUNTER AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new wastewater pipeline, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Hunter Avenue, Ashford as described in columns 1 & 2 of the Schedule to this Order, on or after 7 September 2009 for an estimated period of 5 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as shown in column 3 of the Schedule

SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative route	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Hunter Avenue	Between the junction with Orion Way and the junction Wharton Gardens	Hunter Avenue, Osborne Road, Breadlands Road, Twelve Acres and Hunter Avenue	From 7 September 2009 for up to three weeks
Phase 2			
Hunter Avenue	Between the junction with Wharton Gardens and the entrance to the Co-op car park	Hunter Avenue, Osborne Road, Breadlands Road, Twelve Acres and Hunter Avenue	From 21 September 2009 for up to three weeks

This Order will come into force from 7 September 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature, at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Dover

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SANDWICH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Network Rail level crossing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Sandwich as described in columns 1 and 2 of the schedule to this order on or after 6 September 2009 for an estimated period of 2 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length affected	Alternative routes	Duration
New Street	Level crossing	Clockwise - St Barts Road, Woodnesborough Road, Moat Sole, Cattle Market, Harnet Street, Strand Street, High Street. Anti-clockwise - New Street, Cattle Market, Moat Sole, Woodnesborough Road, St Barts Road.	01:00 Sunday 6 September to 04:00 Monday 7 September 2009
Ash Road	Level crossing	Anti-clockwise - New Street, Dover Road, A258, A256 Sandwich Bypass. Clockwise - A256 Sandwich Bypass, A258, Dover Road, New Street, Harnet Street.	01:00 Sunday 12 September to 04:00 Monday 13 September 2009

This Order will come into force from Sunday 6 September 2009 and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 and will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature, at any time for the duration of the order.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHERRY TREE AVENUE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Footway Improvement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Cherry Tree Avenue from as described in column 1 of the attached schedule on or after 7 September 2009 for an estimated period of seven weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 2 of the attached schedule.

The Affected Route	The Alternative Route
Western side between London Road and Barton Road	A256 London Road and Buckland Avenue
Eastern side between Barton Road and London Road	Barton Road, Frith Road, Bridge Street and A256 London Road

Temporary One Way Street

Affected Length of Road	Permitted Direction for Traffic
Western side between London Road and Barton Road	North to South
Eastern side between Barton Road and London Road	South to North

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL BUNKERS HILL, ASH CUM-RIDLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Bunkers Hill, Ash Cum-Ridley for the whole length.

The Order will become effective on 7th September 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Rectory Road and New Street Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate drainage works and soak away cleansing

Highways - District of Shepway

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HILLSIDE STREET, HYTHE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Hillside Street, Hythe from the beginning of Lucys Hill to the junction with Upper Malthouse Hill, between properties 30a and 36 Hillside Street on 7 September 2009 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Upper Malthouse Hill, Bartholomew Street, Malthouse Hill, High Street, A259 Dymchurch Road, Scalons Bridge Road, London Road, Barrack Hill and North Road.

Highways - District of Thanet

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CAMDEN ROAD, RAMSGATE)(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because boundary wall repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Camden Road, Ramsgate from junction of Abbots Hill and Hibernia Street on or after 21 September 2009 for an estimated period of 10 weeks or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Abbots Hill, Cottage Road and Hibernia Street.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (DANE ROAD, MARGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Dane Road, Margate from the junction of Addiscombe Road to the junction of Victoria Road on or after 21 September 2009 for an estimated period of 2 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Addiscombe Road, Park Crescent Road, Thanet Road and Victoria Road.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



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## Hybrid power heats up

By **STEVE LOADER**

TOYOTA currently leads the hybrid car sector with a newly-launched third generation Prius.

Sleeker, lighter and more efficient than before, it has also just received a maximum five-star rating in the Euro NCAP crash safety test, though its Honda Insight arch rival has also just achieved the same.

And both Japanese brands have announced they will raise the stakes in the hybrid sector soon by showing that petrol-electric technology is now compact and well-sorted enough to be offered as an option in their conventional car line-ups.

Toyota says its Ford Focus class family hatchback the Auris will get the kit and start rolling off its production line at Burnaston, Derbyshire, in mid-2010.

Even better for recession-hit Britain, is that the engines will be produced at Toyota's other big UK site in Deeside, North Wales.

If Toyota can squeeze a hybrid powertrain into the Auris – a smaller car than the Prius – then it could soon be an option on cars like the Verso MPV.

Meanwhile, Honda has not only promised that its system will go into its own British-built rival to the Auris, the Civic, but also the



**HONDA INSIGHT: Paving the way to hybrids in the Civic and Jazz line-ups**

smaller Jazz supermini – also produced at Honda's Swindon plant.

If anything, Honda's faith in the technology is demonstrably greater than Toyota's since it has been reluctant to be drawn into the race for diesel – though it does produce an excellent 2.2-litre unit for its mid-range cars and has also been the primary developer of hydrogen power for cars.

But there are signs others are catching up and breaking new ground in the hybrid field: Vauxhall is readying its radical Ampera model and Peugeot will offer a diesel-electric version of its forthcoming 3008 crossover.

The Ampera uses the General Motors group's 'Voltec' system which relies totally on electric power to drive the car, with a small on-board engine being used only to top-up the

batteries if a stationary 'plug-in' charge has been exhausted.

The Ampera is reckoned to be capable of around 40 miles on electric power before needing the conventional power back-up, but will not be on sale until 2012.

Peugeot's hybrid should be here sooner, though no date has been mooted, and appears to be capable of easy transfer to existing models in from its own and sister brand Citroën.

It was assumed that diesels would not be paired with electric power due to their extra upfront cost and greater weight at a time when weight-saving is paramount for greener motoring.

But the 3008 hybrid could be just the job for the SUV/crossover market that the conventional model is targeting because the hybrid powertrain enables Peugeot to offer 4x4 by using the electric motors to drive the rear wheels and avoid a heavy mechanical transmission to the back axle.

For now though, the last word on greener motoring goes to Toyota, which recently delivered a consignment of Prius models to the North American market using a 'hybrid' ship, part-powered by solar energy to reduce demand on its diesel engines.

It is no gimmick – the 60,000-tonne ship can carry 6,200 vehicles. What next? Sails?



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# FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



## Yeti reaches for stars

SKODA'S newest car, the Yeti, has been awarded a maximum five stars in the Euro NCAP safety test.

The accolade will be welcome as the Czech marque adds this fifth distinct model to its range.

It is a handsome two or four-wheel drive SUV (sports utility vehicle) due in showrooms on September 17, priced from a tempting £13,750 with air con as standard and up to £22,120 for the most luxurious 4x4 version.

Most people will start shopping at level two or 'Yeti S' spec from £14,250 though, as the start point for alloys as standard.

The car should be cheap to run and tempt Ford Focus class family hatchback buyers seeking more image.

It has little to fear from the Hyundai Tucson and Kia Sportage value for money Korean twins – these look tired, though a new model is due soon.

And Ford Kuga prices are scary – though a recent sales leap hints at discounts for haggling – while Toyota's RAV4 has moved upmarket, but the same brand's new Urban Cruiser or 'junior RAV' could be the Yeti's biggest rival.

## Alfa hints at petrol fight back

ALFA Romeo might have pulled off a coup with a big-hearted petrol engine to compete in the 2.0-litre sector.

The turbocharged 200bhp 1750cc TBi is being launched in the Italian marque's stunning Audi A4 rival, the Alfa 159 saloon and Sportwagon (estate) and makes an irrelevance of the bigger unblown 2.2-litre in the same line-up: it's faster (0-60mph in 7.7 seconds), has cleaner emissions, and is better for fuel and company car tax.

It typifies a new breed of smaller capacity turbocharged petrol units set to turn the tables on diesels.

But Alfa has not ignored diesel, for the 159 is available with a new 170bhp 2.0-litre JTDM powerplant, too – both new engines are priced from £21,800.

The two arrivals coincide with a re-organised 159



range adding two new trim levels – Turismo Sport and Elegante – though specifications remain as generous as before.

## It's show time for junior VW Polo

VOLKSWAGEN has unveiled this tidy three-door version of the stylish fifth-generation Polo.



Order books are already open for the five-door, with deliveries due in October, but entry prices start at £10,035 – the three-door will shave more than £600 off when it arrives in December.

The all-new supermini echoes the looks of its big sister model, the Golf, and comes with the same driver pleasing and safety enhancing ESP (electronic stabilisation programme) as standard.

No doubt it will have some impressive NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) work that has made the Golf by far the quietest and most refined car in its class and it has also achieved a five-star maximum in the Euro NCAP safety test.



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# Suzuki dealer opens as new double act arrives

by  
**STEVELOADER**

KENT has gained one of six new Suzuki franchises across the UK, with the SMC group opening a new outlet at Canterbury Road, Sittingbourne, this week.

SMC, which has nine sites across the South East, already has experience of the Japanese brand through a site in west London.

The group's sales manager for Kent, Paul Elligate, said a "substantial" amount had been invested in converting the former seven-car showroom in Canterbury Road into a 12-car facility by extension and re-arrangement of interior space.

Five of those slots are now dedicated to Suzuki, with the remainder split between the MG sports car and Mitsubishi brands that SMC already held; the group also has a Ford dealership in nearby Crown Quay Lane and Ford sites in Gravesend and Crayford.

Paul Elligate said an official opening would be held at a later date and he expected Suzuki's brand of affordable small cars to sell well in the current economic climate.

These include the popular Swift supermini – currently one of the market's slowest depreciating cars – now available as a highly specified SZ-L limited edition.



**NEW ARRIVALS:** The latest Suzuki Swift supermini (left) and (above) a four-door saloon is now available in the SX4 range

mouldings, interior carpet mats and chrome highlights.

Heated door mirrors incorporate side indicators and are electrically retractable when parked. It can average nearly 50mpg and is priced at £10,250.

Suzuki has also added a four-door saloon to its two and four-wheel drive five-door SX4 range.

It has a 1.6-litre petrol engine and is priced at £11,895 with standard kit including: electric windows, automatic air-con, 15-inch alloys, keyless entry and start and heated door mirrors.

This model is based on the 1.3-litre GL five-door model but gains air-con, pearlescent or metallic paint, 15-inch alloys, side protection



## Saab's new 9-5

FINALLY Saab has a new model, *writes Steve Loader*.

The embattled executive brand, now merged with supercar maker and fellow Swedes at Koenigsegg, has shown a new 9-5 flagship (pictured).

According to blurb, it "embodies a new era for Saab" and embodies much of the brand's acclaimed Aero-X design concept, though it is surely mostly Vauxhall Insignia underneath.

And there is the rub for a once distinctive brand: it will take time for Saab to recreate its individualism after an era as just another General Motors brand.

'The General' has signed over its 100 per cent holdings in Saab to Koenigsegg and there are 'funding commitments' from the Swedish government, but there is an agreement for GM and Saab "to continue to share technology and services during a defined time period".

## Ultimate driving





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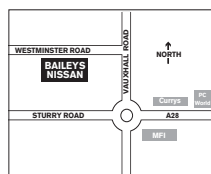
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forward to ride a racehorse in heavy going; its not just about speed here, but about making the most of the MiTo's nimble grace and style.

The weighty diesel just feels lumpy and awkward and I cannot imagine the 118bhp 1.3-litre diesel will be much better.

However, it was reassuring to hear from

Lipscomb that the free-revving 1.4-litre petrol models – turbocharged and unblown – have accounted for more than 90 per cent of MiTo sales since launch earlier this year, when I also drove the terrific 155PS (153bhp) turbocharged petrol model courtesy of the same franchise.

Do we need to talk about the cabin on a car

this stylish? Only to say it looks as classy as the exterior, but also works well.

I don't think anyone should have to pay for the convenience of a split folding rear seat though, and the rear seats can feel a little claustrophobic, particularly for kids.

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**DOBLO**, 1.9 Multijet Dynamic 5dr [120] Diesel Estate, 666745256, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, radio/cd, trip computer, electric door mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, folding rear seats, body coloured bumpers, service indicator, space saver spare wheel, lumbar support, immobiliser, front armrest, front head restraints, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear wiper, cloth seat trim, height adjustable drivers seat, rear headrests, beige metallic, 17250 miles, £8998, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**DUCATO**, 35 Lwb 120 Multijet Refrigerated Chiller, wp56ofg, due in soon, side load door, dual passenger seat, cd player, air bag, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, grp lined, hubbard fridge, electric standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 20000 miles, £11995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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**GRANDE PUNTO**, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, radio/cd, trip computer, side airbags, electric door mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, front head restraints, body coloured bumpers, service indicator, immobiliser, rear headrests, isofix child seat anchor points, 3x3 point rear seat belts, height adjustable drivers seat, full size spare wheel, rear wiper, new wave blue metallic, 2000 miles, £8998, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**PANDA**, Dynamic 5dr Auto, 7290079, air conditioning, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, roof rails, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, turquoise, 18200 miles, £4295, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, Mia 3dr, ax03 bwh, power steering, air bag, radio cassette, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, rear wash/wipe, black, 59000 miles, £2995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, 2004, met blue, 50234 miles, £3995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**SCUDO**, El Pv, ae53zfc, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, stereo, blue, 96000 miles, £2499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**SCUDO**, Bonhoffa Hot & Cold Catering Vending Truck, fm54uyt, bonhoffa catering van, large oven display, large fridge display, handwash facilities, cost new over £35,000, silver, 34000 miles, £14995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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**ESCORT**, 1998, green, 86786 miles, £995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**ESCORT**, lx, 1998, met green, 61000 miles, £800, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**FIESTA**, 1.3 Finesse, 2002, colorado red, 39250 miles, £3995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.8 TD, y566krd, cloth upholstery, power steering, abs, metallic paintwork, radio, aluminium silver, 73000 miles, £1495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, LX Zetec 5dr, w983gdo, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, stereo, air conditioning, electric windows, mauve, 60000 miles, £2499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS**, 1.6 Titanium 5dr, ln58wvl, air conditioning, alloy wheels, electric windows, side airbags, radio/cd, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, central locking, electric mirrors, power assisted steering, remote locking, insurance group:7, black, 26457 miles, £11790, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**FUSION**, Fusion 2 5dr, lx03 upp, air conditioning, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, green, 56000 miles, £3995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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**GALAXY**, 2.0 TDCi Zetec 5dr Auto [140], adjustable steering column/wheel, air con, alloys, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, folding rear seats, immobiliser, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, roof rails, side airbags, radio/cd, traction control, bluetooth handsfree and voice control, bluetooth handsfree, park assist, privacy glass, central locking, child locks, colour coded body, heated seats, locking wheel nuts, metallic paintwork, silver, 13211 miles, £15995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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**ATOZ**, 12v + 5dr auto, 1510461, immobiliser, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, blue, 42000 miles, £1999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**PICANTO**, SE 5dr, 1339461, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, 14" alloys, aluminium silver, 70000 miles, £3499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**MAZDA2, S 5dr, 6953079**, remote central locking, immobiliser, alarm, power steering, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, twin air bags, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, red, 48400 miles, £4495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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**CL CLASS, CL500 Auto with SAT NAV/KEYLESS GO, 1910077**, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, full leather, centre armrest, electric seats, heated seats, rear headrests, cruise control, colour satnav, multi-function steering wheel, parking sensor, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, xenon headlamps, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, climate control, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, radio cassette, steering wheel audio controls, radio, Bose, 17" alloys, previously sold and serviced by ourselves, this car is a credit to its previous owner, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fa regulated, obsidian black metallic, 109000 miles, £9995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

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**E CLASS, E320 Elegance auto new shape SAT NAV/SUNROOF, g002kvy**, remote alarm, remote central locking, full leather, electric seats, heated seats, rear headrests, colour satnav, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, parking sensor, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, xenon headlamps, electric mirrors, electric windows, powered folding mirrors, air conditioning, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 16" alloys, napper grey leather trim, front and rear parking sensors, sat nav, active ride suspension, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fa regulated, tansante blue metallic, 66000 miles, £9995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

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**E320 CDI, 2007**, iridium silver metallic, 28961 miles, £20994, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

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**ONE, 3dr, lg05 ukd**, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, electric front windows, electric mirrors, twin air bags, radio cassette, side air bags, yellow, 51800 miles, £7495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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**L200, Double Cab Di-D Warrior 4WD 1348hp, ny06gha**, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, child seats, cruise control, computer, cruise control, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, traction control, insurance group:10, silver, 29000 miles, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**OUTLANDER, 1.2 Di-DC Warrior 5dr, ls75xsl**, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, dvd, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, multi function steering wheel, power assisted steering, insurance group:11, silver, 17300 miles, £15495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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**NAVARA, Pickup 2.5 dci 174 Outlaw, ak58kby**, cloth, carbon, 17" alloy wheels, active front headrest system, cd autochanger, climate control air conditioning, cruise control, driver's airbag, electric heated door mirrors, front fog lamps, headlamp washers, keyless entry with anti-hijack function, nats (nissan anti-theft system), passenger airbag, privacy glass (rear side windows), roof rails, side steps, trip computer, silver, 6000 miles, £15495.0000, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

**QASHQAI, 2.0 ACENTA 4x2, ycb0umu**, cloth, carbon, 16" alloy wheels, 3 rear headrests, 6 cd autochanger, abs with ebd and brake assist, active front headrest system, alarm, automatic rain sensing wipers, bluetooth integration, body coloured door handles, body coloured door mirrors, climate control air conditioning, cruise control, drive computer, electric heated door mirrors, electric windows, engine immobiliser, front fog lamps, front side and curtain airbags, headlamp-on buzzer, height adjustable driver's seat, leather steering wheel, power assisted steering (pas), rear park system, remote central locking, tilt adjustable steering wheel, fired iron, 13500 miles, £15495, Sittingbourne, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

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**206, Quicksilver SW, wv05knh**, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, half leather, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, folding rear seats, rear headrests, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, rear spoiler, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, special edition quicksilver model, aluminium silver, 15000 miles, £6495, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

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# Don't play games with insurance

FIRMS could choose not to renew or even cancel insurance premiums in a bid to cut costs during the downturn, experts have claimed.

But they say this short-term measure could cause longer-term problems for the company itself – both operationally and legally.

An estimated one in four households has already followed a similar path where personal outlays are concerned.

And industry experts believe many business owners will follow suit as they battle the recession. However, Sevenoaks-based insurance company Belmont International believes this sort of drastic step is unnecessary.

They say companies can avoid putting themselves at risk by spending a little time examining what they actually need to insure – taking into account legal obligations, commercial mortgages or leases. The financial risk each

**WARNING: Experts counsel against trying to save money by cutting back on insurance**

business can take on board should also be a factor when a decision is reached, say analysts, who also warned that factors such as the possibility of crime, flooding and accidents also need to be regarded. David Armstrong, associate director at Belmont International, said: "Although many businesses may be strug-

gling, deciding to stop paying premiums or renewing buildings and business continuity insurance to save money is a very risky game. Failure to adequately insure an activity or asset can seriously jeopardise the future of a business – and in the case of liability insurance could leave owners and directors exposed

to prosecution and personal financial loss."

Commercial property insurance is important for businesses for a variety of factors, according to Belmont's analysts.

Experts say not insuring a commercial property in terms of its physical structure leaves a business financially exposed should there be a serious incident and may breach the terms of their mortgage agreement.

The cost of buildings insurance is determined by a combination of factors, including postcode, the size and type of the property, the insurer's view on crime, flooding or subsidence in the area, as well as any attempts by the owner to improve security, and claims history.

Mr Armstrong said: "The key is not to under-insure, so make sure you have a proper reinstatement valuation, plus inventory of stock and equipment."

"The tendency is to underestimate so as to minimise premiums and then regret it when the claim comes in."

A TECHNOLOGY firm has taken-up the prize of a year's rent-free business accommodation at Kent Science Park.

Publishing company Purelabs, which developed the world's first web-based planning service, beat more than 70 firms to win the Kent Innovation Challenge with a top prize of £20,000 plus business and marketing support. The firm is set to switch from premises at Lenham, near Ashford, to the park's Sittingbourne site in October.

Jon Barrett, managing director of Purelabs, said: "Winning was fabulous and the thought of moving to Kent Science Park, with its technology-focused businesses will be great for the team and our company. Since revealing the Intelligent Flatplan technology

## Challenge winner moving to science park

18 months ago, more than 1,500 publishing professionals around the world have used the system to manage more than 2,200 editions, totalling 153,000 pages.

"From our new base we will be striking out with more research and product development plus increased sales to publishers, design houses, marketing agencies, typesetters and printers. We like to aim big, so our next target is a million pages per year."

"Kent Science Park is the right address for a local technology-based company like ours. The site has the all-important internet infra-

structure to help us market our system, deliver the product and support our customers."

"We are convinced this professional environment will underpin our growth."

Intelligent Flatplans replaces paper, spreadsheet or DTP-based flatplans with a web-based system enabling every user to see the same view, wherever they are in the world and whether they are using PCs or Apple Macs. The idea was devised after the firm spotted a niche in the market for an IT solution to serve their own publishing busi-

ness. It aims to increase the number of pages planned using its products to a million a year by 2011.

Winning the Innovation Challenge also saw Purelabs secure £5,000 of legal support from Vertex Law, and business coaching from Skills for Business worth up to £6,000.

The firm will also receive the filming and production of a corporate video worth up to £5,000 from Lavender Blue Media, also based at Kent Science Park, two years' free membership of the CBI and PR advice worth £1,500 from Coast Communications.

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Small business expert and online specialist JO DODDS continues to look at ways to promote your enterprise on the internet



# Put firmly on the map and in the frame

SOME local businesses don't think a website is going to be cost-effective to implement.

For the record, I disagree. Using the likes of WordPress for your content management system can get a simple-to-manage, search-engine-friendly website at a cost that is nowhere near the massive value you will get back from it.

In the meantime we have a halfway house solution that can be really useful for you in marketing your business online locally in the form of Google Maps.

I publish a community magazine in Hythe and one of our customers has a picture framing company in the town. He doesn't have a website and until recently didn't appear on Google if you searched for the key words 'picture framing Hythe'.

There were picture framing businesses listed from New Romney and Folkestone, but none from Hythe.

I suggested he add his business to Google Maps and now if you search for the same keywords you will see Fairlight Frames appears (at the time of writing) in second position next to the map, as the only picture framing business listed for Hythe.

Given that many people now use Google to search for local businesses before they buy offline, you are really missing a trick if you don't have a listing on Google Maps.

- All you have to do is:
- Search on Google for 'Google Maps'.
  - Click 'put your business on Google Maps'.
  - Log-in to your Google account or register to get a free Google account.
  - Add a new listing.



HIGH THERE: Kent on Google Maps

- Fill in your details.
- Move the pointer on the map if it isn't quite correct (it works by postcode).
- Click 'next' to add your listing.
- Add in information about your business including images of your logo or business premises and video.
- Confirm you are who you say you are by phone, text or post. (I recommend phone or text as the postal option takes ages).

Once Google have confirmed these details your listing should be live and will start to show up for certain searches made on Google depending on the keywords chosen.

You can improve the chances of your entry showing up by ensuring that the wording you have used on the entry includes the keywords that your potential customers are likely to be searching for.

It's a good idea to ensure that you have added a reasonably amount of information to the entry as, as you already know, Google likes useful, relevant content, and if you can get reviews from customers that may be helpful too.

Google don't reveal details of their search algorithms but, anecdotally, that would seem to be helpful.

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## Help in taxing times

THOUSANDS of businesses are benefiting from a recession-busting tax initiative which has seen them defer tens of millions of pounds owed to the taxman.

Now the local branch of the Federation of Small Businesses and the Government's Minister for the South East are calling on other firms to take advantage of the schemes on offer.

Time to Pay, Prompt Payment Code, Business Link Health Checks and Enterprise Finance Guarantees can help businesses looking to strengthen their position ahead of the economic recovery.

### Flexibility

Under the Time to Pay scheme, firms can strike a deal with HM Revenue and Customs to defer payments meaning they retain their cash for longer, giving them more financial flexibility.

By the start of this month, 4,830 firms in Kent and Medway had reached agreements with HMRC which has seen £80 million of taxes deferred to be paid when the economy has improved. The number of deferral agreements struck in the south east is more than 28,000 – the highest of any region in the UK – with a total of £500m being deferred.

The scheme covers taxes and duties including Income Tax, Corporation Tax, VAT, PAYE, and National Insurance.

South East Minister Jonathan Shaw said:



### TAX FORM: But firms are being urged to take advantage of the schemes on offer

"The recession has hit us all, but the Government is committed to doing all it can to help businesses ride the storm and come out the other side more resilient. Thousands of businesses have responded to the help available, but I urge all those who have not to take advantage. To emerge stronger from recession we need to work together – that means Government and regions, as well as public bodies and businesses."

Mr Shaw, who is the MP for Chatham and Aylesford, has also written to local authorities

and health bodies across the county urging them to sign up to a new code of practice to encourage organisations to settle bills on time.

With thousands of firms going out of business each year due to late payment, Mr Shaw also called on businesses to sign the Prompt Payment Code.

He said: "It's time to change the late payment culture in the UK and both private and public sector organisations should commit to paying suppliers on time and to their agreed terms by signing the Prompt Payment Code."

Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells councils and the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS trust are among those to have already signed.

### Precious

Roger House, FSB chairman in Kent and Medway, said: "Poor payment practices can drastically affect cashflow for small firms at a time when business owners are doing their best to hold on to precious funds."

"The guides will help give business owners the confidence to set out clear payment terms in contracts and chase late payers where necessary."

David Milham, of ASC Finance for Business in Faversham, said: "There is money available to well-managed businesses that can demonstrate sound financial management, historic profitability and a clear business plan."

"However, it's clear that some businesses running into problems with cashflow are hav-

ing difficulty raising finance and that some banks are not following Government guidelines."

Simon Small, MD of Watlington-based S-Presso, said: "There's a big difference here between companies that have money who deliberately delay payments, and those who are struggling and would pay on time if only they could."

"It is the former who need to be punished and the latter who need help to survive."

Since October 2008, more than 14,000 firms in the south east have undergone Business Link Health Checks – funded by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda).

These involve an expert adviser looking at marketing and business planning, debt management and product development to ensure any potential problems are diagnosed early.

Mr Shaw also revealed the Government was working with the banks to improve the understanding and awareness of Enterprise Finance Guarantees.

The scheme provides Government guarantees to support bank lending to smaller firms.

In the south east almost 700 businesses have already been offered loans totaling more than £67m.

The EFG scheme enables banks to provide an additional £1.3 billion of credit to small and medium enterprises with viable business plans but without access to normal commercial lending due to the credit crunch.

## Trading places after City lay-off

A FORMER City sales executive has made a successful start to life trading on a Gillingham market stall.

Matthew Crawford, 30 from Strood, was made redundant from his role as a business development manager in December. With a young family to support and a long-held desire to run his own business, Mr Crawford invested his final pay cheque into setting up a Caribbean take-away food stall called EasyNuh.

His idea – which sees him providing fresh and authentic food from the region on a traditional British market

stall – has won him a national competition offering entrepreneurs the chance to trade for free for six months.

Mr Crawford beat competition from hundreds of applicants and dozens of shortlisted entrants from across the UK to win top prize in the Make your Mark in the Markets competition.

He has been hard at work and has made a successful start to life on the market since taking up his pitch.

He said: "Being laid off is the best thing that's ever happened to me. I've always wanted to set up my own busi-



### FRESH START: Matt Crawford at his EasyNuh Caribbean food stall

ness but have never had the opportunity, so I jumped at the chance to enter the competition. Taking part has been an amazing experience and we've really been encouraged by the reaction from visitors to the stall.

"We've even had interest from a potential investor interested in funding an EasyNuh restaurant."

The Government-backed scheme is designed to give entrepreneurs with innovative ideas, commercial awareness and products or services which could benefit their local market a risk-free launch pad. It is run by Enterprise Insight in partnership with the National Market Traders' Federation, the Retail Markets Alliance, Association of Town Centre Management and the National Association of British Market Authorities.

Harry Rich, chief executive of Enterprise Insight, said: "Matt's success is testament to what can be achieved with a great idea and lots of hard work and dedication. It's entrepreneurs who will take us out of the downturn, so Matt's story is a great inspiration to others who might find themselves facing a tough time. He has turned redundancy into opportunity and we wish him all the best."

Mr Crawford also drew praise from Secretary of State for Business Lord Mandelson, who said: "I congratulate Mr Crawford for his hard work, dedication and flair in making his business a success."

### MORTGAGE RATES

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#### FIXED

##### WOOLWICH

RT: FIXED R%: 4.29% L: 70% U: 31/10/2011

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RT: FIXED R%: 4.89% L: 75% U: 31/03/2011

OD: £1,184

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# Many pub-goers find code hard to swallow

THOUSANDS of pub-goers have objected to Government plans to impose new legislation on pubs which campaigners say could cost the industry thousands of jobs.

The Home Office launched a public consultation on plans for a proposed mandatory code imposing legal sanctions on licensees.

The code was drawn up by the Home Office to help tackle alcohol related crime and disorder and has targeted promotions such as 'all you can drink for £10' nights and bars using 'dentist's chairs' to pour alcohol down the throats of punters.

The proposed code for pubs, clubs, off-licenses and supermarkets will impose a number of mandatory conditions for all retailers.

The Home Office says this will "ensure consistent good practice alongside new discretionary powers for local authorities to tackle problem premises where irresponsible drinking could put individuals at risk and lead to crime and antisocial behaviour".

If adopted, any premises breaching the code could face losing their licence or a £20,000 fine.

However, more than 7,000 members of the public have contacted the Home Office to object to the plans as they feel they could threaten the future of the British pub.

There was also substantial opposition to the code at 10 regional workshops held across the UK, while the Local Government Association has also registered its objection, saying the code "will penalise the vast majority of responsible retailers at a time

when the industry cannot afford this".

Ministers must now assess whether to endorse the original plans. The legislation is part of the Policing and Crime Bill due to be debated in the House of Lords in October.

Dr David Long, chief executive of the British Beer and Pub Association, said: "It is perfectly clear from the last few weeks that there is overwhelming opposition to the mandatory code, from the public, licensees and the wider industry, and now, it appears, from councils and others, too."

"For more than 7,000 members of the public to object to plans of this sort is unprecedented, and the Home Office must now listen to common sense and put a stop to this heavy-handed approach."

## Objection

He added: "The industry fully agrees with the need to end irresponsible promotions, and the police and local councils already have the powers to stop them."

"But we object to these unnecessary new burdens which will cost the industry millions of pounds to implement and will only result in even more pubs forced to close."

"More than 50 pubs are closing every week across the country."

"It is time for the Government to begin to extend support to a valued British industry rather than heaping more and more pressure on it in these difficult times."



**LOT OF BOTTLE:** The beer and pub industry is among objectors to the Home Office's proposed mandatory code

## Trust loans to help refit for purpose

PUBS can take advantage of millions of pounds worth of interest-free loans to help them slash energy costs.

The Carbon Trust has made £100 million available under the Big Business Refit scheme to help venues replace inefficient equipment costing between £3,000 and £400,000.

The trust is hoping it can help save the hospitality sector up to £37m a year in energy costs.

In the first six months of the scheme pubs have saved an annual average of £9,000 each.

The loans are designed to pay for themselves in direct energy savings so that once the loan is repaid the savings go straight to a business' bottom line.

## Waste

Licensees can also sign up for a free energy saving assessment from the trust.

Trust chief executive Tom Daley said: "Hospitality business owners are realising that for every month they 'make do and mend' with old inefficient equipment, they are wasting more cash on unnecessarily high energy bills."

"With credit all but dried up elsewhere, the Big Business Refit breaks the deadlock by helping hospitality firms buy the equipment that will both slash their costs and often transform their businesses."

David Caro, Federation of Small Businesses energy and environment chairman, said: "These loans will help small businesses significantly cut their costs over the long term as well as helping them to play their part in moving towards a low-carbon economy."

Pubs that want to take part in the scheme can get expert advice from the trust by calling 01865 885879 or visiting [www.carbontrust.co.uk](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk).

# Parcel service gets straight to the pint

AN INTERNET campaign group is calling on residents to get behind the county's hard-pressed pubs by supporting its pint and a parcel initiative.

The new free service from Useyourlocal.com allows drinkers to pick up deliveries at participating watering holes as a means of drawing in more trade during the downturn.

Dozens of venues around the county have been forced to close over the past year, resulting in landlords diversifying their food offerings and entertainment in a bid to survive.

The sector has been suffering, with 50 pubs closing each week across the UK and it is hoped the new initiative will lead to more jobs being created.

Research from the British Beer and Pub Association has shown 24,000 jobs were lost in the pub trade last year as the credit crunch took hold.

However, so far more than 500 pubs across the county have registered for the new parcel delivery service.



**USE YOUR HEAD:** A delivery service on tap

One of the first in Kent to join the scheme was the Cressy Arms in Dartford.

A spokesman said: "I think this is a really good idea. It will definitely be of use to pub customers

who often miss parcel deliveries which don't tend to come until later in the morning, when they're at work."

The initiative was created by Stuart Mills, a former manager of Scottish and Newcastle brewers, who set up the Use Your Local website this year as a means of helping regional pubs across the UK.

He said: "We have all faced the problem of wanting to order something while not being sure when we'll be home. Useyourlocal.com solves this problem by allowing you to have the parcel sent to your local pub."

"The service also means an end to those dreaded slips telling us the delivery arrived while we were out. For most people the local pub will be nearer than the sorting office, with opening hours that suit our busy lives."

Landlords can register for the parcel delivery service at [www.useyourlocal.com](http://www.useyourlocal.com).

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**RESTAURANTS** are being urged to sign up to a new voluntary code of practice to inform customers how they deal with service charges and tips.

The British Hospitality Association drew up the code after discussions with the Department for Business and states restaurants and websites should at least display a note explaining how the business distributes the proceeds from service charges to employees.

The code states disclosure should cover whether an amount, and if so how much, is deducted for handling costs, how the remainder is shared between the restaurant and employees and how it is distributed.

If an amount is shared between the employees in a restaurant through a 'tronic' system con-

# Take a tip and protect your reputation

trolled by an individual, then the disclosure should say. In the past there has been little information about the way service charges are collected, what it is for and who receives it.

The industry has received widespread criticism and the code was drawn up as a way of protecting its reputation.

The code ensures the restaurant must make patrons aware of any percentage kept by the business to cover legitimate costs. After feedback from BHA committees and the Restaurant Association, the code was approved by the BHA's national executive.

Restaurateurs are urged to implement the code as soon as possible.

On October 1, new legislation will come into force banning the service charge being used to make up the minimum wage. The voluntary scheme can be downloaded from [www.bha.org.uk](http://www.bha.org.uk).

**PEOPLE 1st**, the sector skills council for the hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism industry, has appointed a new chairman.

David Fairhurst, senior vice-president at McDonald's in UK and northern Europe, will take on the role.

Mr Fairhurst has had responsibility for the delivery of HR, training, education, customer services and environmental strategy at the firm and has pioneered programmes offering employees transferable qualifications which led to the introduction of apprenticeships this year. Bob Cotton, chief executive of the British Hospitality Association, said: "I can't

## David's first among equals

think of a better qualified person to take over as chairman of People 1st. Not only has David been closely involved with the organisation for a number of years, McDonald's is an exemplar of training and developing its people."

Mr Fairhurst will succeed Don Davenport, who becomes president of People 1st. Brian Wisdom, chief executive of People 1st, said: "David's succession to the position of chair-

man, after two years as vice-chairman, sets a new focus on our ambitious development programme to transform skills as we approach the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. He has impeccable credentials and significant experience in developing people-focused agendas and is passionate in his commitment to the development of qualifications and training. His leadership will be of enormous benefit to People 1st."

Mr Fairhurst said: "The hospitality sector is showing the rest of the country how to emerge from the downturn. It is the key industrial platform for social mobility, providing a genuine meritocracy.

"As chairman, I will use my experience to accelerate and increase the qualifications available to entrants to the sector so individuals benefit from the opportunities it offers.

"A more skilled workforce will be essential to take advantage of the growth opportunity offered by London 2012 and to ensure hospitality and tourism continues to be a huge driver of our economy."

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With the Olympics – which will run from July 27 to August 12 – expected to boost the UK economy by £2bn, more than half of it in tourism, organisations such as Visit Kent are keen for the county's house to be in order well in advance.

## Capitalise

Research suggests visitors intending to attend the Games have concerns about staying in the capital due to safety and cost and Visit Kent says the county should capitalise.

Despite London predicting a 12 per cent increase in the number of hotel rooms in the city – up to 123,000 – in the run-up to the Games, Kent feels it can compete for visitors.

The county already boasts about 1,700 accommodation providers offering nearly 90,000 bed spaces a night, but will more be needed to accommodate the tens of thousands of people flocking to the south east for

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the Games?

Ruth Wood of Visit Kent said: "We already have a great range of quality hotels including four-star brands, budget chains and boutique venues.

"We also have a great choice in B&Bs and self-catering establishments which provide a really warm and special Kentish welcome."

She revealed: "In 2008, the Kent average occupancy rate was 53.6 per cent, indicating at the moment there is capacity to cope with an increase in visitor numbers.

"Research by Visit London indicated some visitors are concerned about staying in London as they are worried about cost and safety, so there is a real opportunity for Kent.

"About 70 per cent of the visitors to the Games are expected to be British, with many potentially staying with friends and relatives as well as hotels, so it is important we encourage locals to get involved in welcoming

visitors, which we are doing through our Celebrating Kent campaign."

Plans are already in place for new hotels at key sites across the county and hundreds more beds which will be available in time for the 2012 Games.

Miss Wood said: "There are plans for a hotel in Margate to provide accommodation for visitors to the new Turner Contemporary opening in 2011, and there are plans for a new boutique hotel in Canterbury, which has always been a popular short break destination."

"Hotel development in Medway is gathering momentum, with a new 120-bedroom hotel planned for Gillingham waterfront and a 120-bedroom hotel being built at Medway Valley Leisure Park, among other sites.

"There are also plans for a 150-bedroom hotel at Rochester Riverside with 8,500 sq ft of conference space and a sunken courtyard


containing the old city wall, providing a physical link between historic Rochester and the new development. Ebbsfleet is also a key target for potential new development, particularly in relation to the 2012 Games."

But she added: "Although 2012 will be a key influencing factor in future tourism development in Kent, it will not be the only determinant as any new hotel needs to be sustainable beyond the Games."

Miles Quest, a spokesman for the British Hospitality Association, said: "Kent has a number of hotel developments in train. According to our records, three hotels have opened or will open in 2009 – two Premier Inn properties – one in Ashford (74 rooms) and one in Herne Bay (50 rooms) – have opened this year, and a Travelodge in Maidstone (113 rooms) is due to open later this year. Hotels slated for opening in 2010 onwards include Hotel du Vin in Canterbury

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Holiday Inn spokeswoman Eleanor Conroy said: "Research showed that our guests want things a certain way – great beds, great showers and fantastic service with a more up-to-date look. Holiday Inn Ashford North's relaunch is part of this worldwide programme.

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# all going for gold

(44 rooms), and Ibis in Gillingham (120 rooms) in 2010. Accor, a French hotel company, is planning a 96-room budget hotel in Maidstone for 2011 and Premier Inn is planning to build a 121-room property in Medway/Rochester for 2011/12.

Mr Quest added: "In comparison with the rest of the country, the number of hotel developments in Kent is about average, but they are much-needed."

"The demand for hotel rooms in London and the south east during the Olympics will be significant."

"With relatively quick and easy access to London and the Olympic stadium, hotels in Kent should find demand for rooms during the period will be very strong."

## Expanding

He added: "All but one of those hotels opening in the county this year or planned for the future are budget properties, which is the expanding sector of the industry at the moment."

Visit Kent not only intends to try to get Olympics visitors to stay in Kent, but also wants to get those who do stay in London to take a day trip to the county while they are here.

Miss Wood said: "We are going to target visitors to both stay in Kent and if they are staying in London to come on a day trip to Kent."

"Visit Kent is in its third year of a successful marketing campaign in London with Southeastern which is already raising awareness of Kent in the lead up to 2012."



ON YOUR MARKS: Kent hospitality providers must make the most of the 2012 Games

## Luxury spa and new rooms add to hotel's appeal

A HOTEL has undergone a multi-million-pound redevelopment to include a new luxury spa and new rooms.

Hempstead House Hotel, between Sittingbourne and Faversham, now boasts a spa featuring five treatment rooms, three pools, a sauna, steam room and a new fitness centre, as well as seven new bedrooms.

Owners Mandy and Henry Holdstock – who opened the business in 1990 – planned an 11-month building project which was partly financed by Clydesdale Bank's Financial Solutions Centre in Maidstone.

More than 50 people are employed at the hotel which stands in four acres of countryside between Bapchild and Teynham.

## Bookings

Mrs Holdstock said: "This latest investment is very significant for the future of Hempstead House as it enables us to increase bookings by improving what we can offer as a wedding venue, conference and business hotel as well as the lucrative spa break market."

Andrew Cheetham, senior business partner at Clydesdale Bank, said: "This is a great business with a strong management team who do what they say they are going to do, which enables us to have complete confidence in what we are lending."

He added: "Interestingly, the owners have been able to pay back their loans ahead of schedule, which clearly demonstrates their strong financial management and ability to deliver against what they have forecast in their business plan."



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## Timeline

**Kent on Sunday sport takes a look back at the county's sporting action of yesteryear**



**100 YEARS AGO:** WITH the football season about to kick off, a number of clubs were hit by suspensions.

Swanley, Bostall, Chatham, Rainham, Sheppey Defiance and Northfleet Wednesday all affected, for offences which ranged from striking opponents to bad language and arguing with referees.

In the Southern League, New Brompton easily beat Reading 7-1 in front of more than 4,000 at Priestfield on a slippery surface.

Court scored the first goal of the season and Satterwaite made it 3-0 before the break. Taylor scored twice before Court completed the scoring (who got the sixth goal is unrecorded).

Kent's biggest club at the time however, were Football League Division One side Woolwich Arsenal, who pulled in substantial support from non-metropolitan parts of the county, despite an inferior tram service to their Plumstead home which put the Gunners at a disadvantage compared to inner London clubs.

On the pitch, the Arsenal were described, with some understatement, as "lacking cohesion," during a 5-1 defeat at Aston Villa.



**50 YEARS AGO:** GILLINGHAM manager Harry Barratt was trying to get £1,200 from his board for a new inside forward after defeats against Darlington and Rochdale highlighted the Gills lack of midfield co-ordination.

Barratt was trying to haggle over a fee for an unnamed player.

In non-league football superior fitness proved the key for Sittingbourne, who knocked Tonbridge out of the Southern League Cup with a late winner.

Elsewhere, Gravesend & Northfleet were thwarted by Ted Ditchburn, a former England and Tottenham keeper who had played for the old Northfleet side in the pre-merger days. Ditchburn's acrobatics helped Romford to a 3-2 win at Stonebridge Road.

Dover, Folkestone and the Fleet were all due to take on Calais, Dunkirk and Boulogne in the annual Channel Cup.



**25 YEARS AGO:** KENT lost a thrilling Nat West final against Middlesex at Lord's with light fading and the 'home' side needing seven off the last over.

Richard Ellison over-pitched the final ball, intended as a yorker, and John Emburey glanced it to the leg side for the winning runs.

Ellison suffered sleepless nights as a result but the question everyone wanted answered was why Deadly Derek Underwood had been taken off at a crucial stage, having bowled nine overs for just 12 runs.

Ashford's Stuart Waterton had to keep wicket for Kent after an injury to Alan Knott. He was only told he'd be playing 20 minutes before the start and did well, though Clive Radley was named man-of-the match.

The rugby season began with Linton losing their traditional opening day fixture with Sittingbourne 17-13, having chucked away a 9-0 lead. Maidstone thrashed Guy's Hospital 40-6, while Old Juddians beat Weston-Super-Mare and Burham-on-Sea on a tour of the west country.



**COSTLY ERROR:**  
Richard Ellison

# Islanders' fortress

Former Sheppey chairman recalls club's halcyon days at Botany Road and ill-fated move into the Southern League which led to club's gradual decline

## Going over old ground

By FRED ATKINS

"IT WAS a fantastic place to play football," says Peter Sharrock, a former player and chairman of Sheppey United, of the club's old Botany Road ground.

"I first played there in 1950 and the first-team had gates of 2-2,500. Buses were nose to tail from outside the ground all the way to the Conservative Club and they used to disperse supporters to different parts of the island."

Formed in 1890, United were founder members of the Southern League and one of the oldest clubs in the county.

They played at a cricket ground on Botany Road, off St George's Avenue, which in time evolved into a fiercely partisan environment for local football.

The amateur era after World War Two was the golden age for Sheppey. Christmas derby games with Sittingbourne drew crowds of up to 3,000.

### Disastrous

The club was funded by supporters' clubs, totes and lotteries and stayed on an even keel right through to 1984 when the board made the ill-fated decision to join the Southern League.

"It was disastrous," Sharrock said. "For several years there was, to a degree, financial mismanagement. We had to play all across the country and pay for coaches and better players, which got the club into a debt."

"The club was never going to be that strong. It avoided relegation, but the debt escalated and the only way to clear it was to sell the ground."



Picture: SHEPPEYUNITED.COM

**UNITED FRONT:** Programme for Sheppey United match at Botany Road (note spelling error) and team picture taken at the ground which was sold off in 1992

It sounded a bit like asking a patient to pay for plastic surgery by selling his internal organs, but by 1990 relocation had become inevitable.

The final first-team game was on Saturday, March 29, 1992, when United, now back in the Kent League, beat Kent Police 2-1, in front of 450 fans who knew they'd never be back.

The former striker Steve Hunn caught the mood, saying at the time. "We will lose quite a few of the old faithful, who feel it's a bit like a knife in the back for them," he said.

"To go down St George's Avenue and no longer see a football ground there will leave me with a sick feeling."

The ground was sold to the Swale Housing Authority for a meagre £750,000 and turned into a housing estate.

"If we'd gone into liquidation the bank would have sold the ground to clear the debt," Sharrock admitted. "We had to sell it a time when not many people wanted it."

And if selling proved difficult, the quest for a new home eventually finished the club.

United initially planned to move to the Holm Place but were denied planning permission for ground improvements by Swale Council - who subsequently rejected half a

dozen other applications by the club, at sites including Barton's Point, Halfway Road and Seager Road.

"Say No To Sheppey United" posters appeared at one mooted site, according to Sharrock, who says local residents feared United would still pull in thousands of fans.

Gillingham turned down a groundshare request, so the Ites - as they were known - played at Faversham in 1992/93.

They then moved to Canterbury and ended up at the cavernous Central Park in Sittingbourne, but with gates hovering around the 50 mark and the money from Botany Road ebbing away, they folded in the middle of the 2000/2001 season.

With a population of nearly 38,000, according to the last census, the Isle of Sheppey, like the comparable Canvey Island just over the Thames, ought to be able to sustain senior football at some level.

The first attempt at a revival came in 2003 when the club reformed in the Kent County League, playing at the Medway Ports Ground, Halfway.

After four seasons they disbanded, but AFC Sheppey have kept the flag flying and a core of die-hards still hope United will rise again.

## Matt's up for the Cup

Picture: ADY KERRY



INTO THE LIONS' DEN: Matt Haines

MATT Haines is preparing for the biggest tournament of his fledgling golf career as he takes part in Great Britain's bid to win the Walker Cup next weekend.

The 19-year-old from Medway has been selected as one of Great Britain's top-10 amateur golfers to challenge the best America has to offer in the amateur game's version of the Ryder Cup.

The Rochester & Cobham Park golfer has had a successful season which has seen him

rise to 17th in the world amateur golf rankings, ahead of the matchplay tournament at Merion Golf Club in Pennsylvania.

Although the Americans have the advantage of playing on home soil and have the last two Walker Cups to their name, the British squad are determined to regain the coveted trophy.

Rochester & Cobham Golf Club members are eagerly anticipating the tournament and the chance to support

Haines as he takes on the cream of America's amateurs.

Club manager John Aughterlony said: "To have Matt competing in the tournament is fantastic."

"He has been a part of our golf club for some time and is a great golfer. He has something special about him and we are hoping he will impress."

The tournament begins next Saturday, with the destination of the Walker Cup decided on Sunday.

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# England's bronze success is just the start, says Seymour

NATALIE Seymour believes the bronze medal England's women won at the EuroHockey Nations Championships last weekend is only the start for the squad.

The 22-year-old started all of England's games at the tournament in Amsterdam, where their third place also earned the team automatic qualification for next year's World Cup.

Seymour, who plays club hockey for Canterbury ladies, admitted the semi-final defeat on a golden goal to Germany was hugely disappointing, but feels winning the bronze medal match two days later shows

the new look squad's potential.

"We really needed to pick ourselves up after the game, it would have been devastating if we hadn't got the bronze. - we needed that to do ourselves justice," she told Kent on Sunday.

"It's a great start and exciting to be involved. We're still a young squad and to start with a medal is brilliant. We feel we can improve from here, there's a lot of potential to fulfil."

England's men exceeded their expectations at the tournament, beating Germany 5-3 in the final to win the country's first ever

European title. Chatham-born Ashley Jackson scored in all England's games, including two in the final, and was named player of the tournament.

The 22-year-old, who now plays for HGC in the Netherlands, believes it bodes well as the squad begin the long process of preparing for the London Olympics.

He said: "We said after playing as Great Britain at the Olympics that we want to build all the way to 2012, but we want to do that by winning medals along the way. This is the first tournament since Beijing and we have got our first medal."

**MEDALLIST:**  
Natalie Seymour  
won bronze with  
England at the  
EuroHockey Nations  
Championships  
Picture: ADY KERRY



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**BIGGEST TITLE:** Kristian House stormed to National Road Race Championship success

# House in top gear for Tour of Britain

## Cyclist hopes to build on best-ever season

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

KRISTIAN House has his sights set on a first stage win and his highest overall finish in the Tour of Britain, which begins next weekend.

The 29-year-old has already had a memorable year, beating several household names to win the National Road Race Championships in July for the biggest title of his career.

House, who grew up in Canterbury, has maintained his good form to such an extent he was disappointed with a 15th place finish at the Tour of Ireland last month.

After finishing in the top-20 in the Tour of Britain in two of the last three years, the Rapha Condor rider told Kent on Sunday he wants even more.

"I'm in good shape, we've got a really good team and we want someone in the top-10 and we want to try and win a stage," he said.

"Just because I have the national jersey doesn't mean I'll automatically be team leader - it might mean I'm preferred due to my form but I've got to prove it."

### Circuit

The Tour begins in Lincolnshire next Saturday. After visiting Scotland, the Midlands and South West, it should finish in front of big crowds a week later with 10 laps of a circuit in central London.

Although not exactly a hotbed for road cycling, interest within the UK is increasing after this year's Tour de France, where Mark Cavendish won six stages and fellow Brit Bradley Wiggins finished fourth overall.

While the Tour of Britain has struggled for recognition in the past, this year's line-up includes eight teams that competed in the

Tour de France. House said: "I think there are more pro Tour teams than ever before. It's good they are attracting these teams because it shows it's becoming a more established and respected race."

It has come a long way since the embarrassing scenes three years ago, when the field staged a protest after being wrongly directed in Rochester.

House still winces at the thought and believes despite the county's successful staging of the Tour de France a year later, the British race is likely to stay away from the county for good.

"I have bad memories of that day," he said. "I don't think it will come back to Kent now because of the chaos."

"It's a shame because I ride round here and it's unreal the amount of little lanes and even the big roads where you think how much of a good race they could put on."

"That year it wasn't really valued as a race. I think the Tour of Britain has definitely moved on and the people who come do respect it more and they will race it. I really hope it continues."

# Barry aims to spring a Shanghai surprise

THE snooker season gets under way in earnest next week, with Barry Hawkins among the field looking to make a fast start.

The 30-year-old from Dartford came through qualifying last month to take his place in the first round at the Shanghai Masters - the first ranking tournament of the season.

He needs to hit the ground running to avoid making the 11,000-mile round trip for one game after being drawn with Stephen Maguire in the first round on Wednesday.

The world number two is one of the most consistent performers on the circuit and won 5-3 when the players met in the first round of last year's event.

Hawkins' aim for the season will again be to regain the place among the sport's top 16 which he lost two years ago. He came desperately close to achieving it in the last campaign, but a first round defeat at the World Championships in April meant he finished ranked 17th.



**TOUGH START:** Barry Hawkins is set to face world No2 Stephen Maguire in Asia

Rainham-based professional Gerard Greene is also in Shanghai.

A first-round tie with Ryan Day awaits, but the 35-year-old snooker star must first beat China's Li Yan in the final qualifying round tomorrow.

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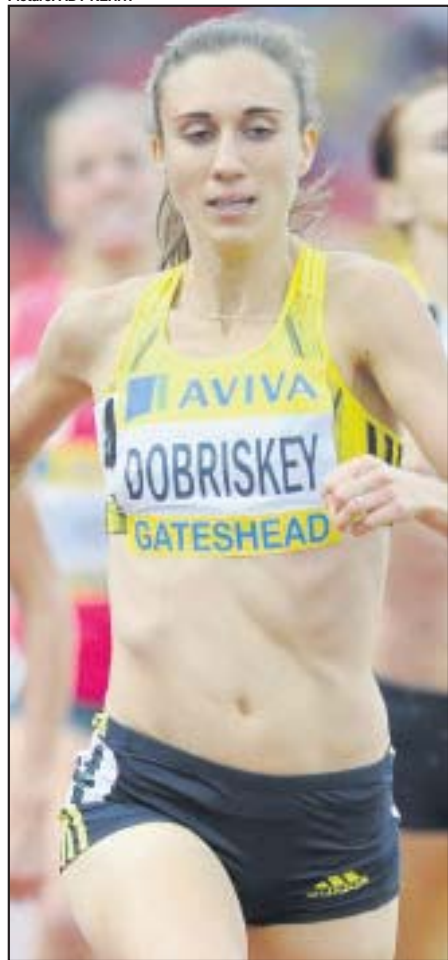
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**BIG STEP:** Lisa Dobriskey took the 1500m silver in Berlin despite a season blighted by injury

# Dobriskey bidding to overtake Dame Kelly

By **TOM HOWARD**

LISA Dobriskey has her sights firmly set on Dame Kelly Holmes' British 1500 metre record after running under four minutes for the first time in her career.

The Kent athlete capped off a remarkable comeback from injury with a silver medal in the World Athletics Championships in Berlin last month and followed that up by running a personal best time of 3:59:50 at the Golden League meeting in Zurich last week.

The time is the fastest set by a British woman since Olympic gold medallist Holmes, who set the record in 1997 with a time of 3:58:07.

## Medal

Only two years ago, Dobriskey, from Ashford, was running times just over four minutes, which is an indication of her continued progression in the sport.

After missing out on a deserved medal in the Olympic Games in Beijing, Dobriskey sat out the majority of the athletics season with a back and thigh injury, but managed to return in time for the championships in Berlin.



**BEST OF BRITISH:** Kelly Holmes has held national 1500m record since 1997

Armed with a personal best only 1.2 seconds adrift of Holmes' record, Dobriskey believes she can get closer that time as she competes at Rieti in Italy this afternoon.

She told Kent on Sunday: "Racing in the Golden League was a great experience, but I still felt under a bit of pressure to perform."

"To be honest, although I went sub four minutes for the first time, I was a bit unhappy with my time. I made a few mistakes and I know I can go quicker."

"I do feel I have moved up a notch in the sport and the last few weeks have shown I can compete with the world's best."

"Winning the medal was such a relief, as

I was desperate not to repeat the heartache of Beijing and I've finally lost the tag of someone who nearly made it."

"People have often said I am Kelly's successor, but I am not convinced. I just go out and run my own race. She has been an inspiration to a lot of people, including myself."

Having experienced competing in front of millions at Beijing and Berlin, the 25-year-old is confident she can deal with the pressure of a high-profile event and is looking forward to the rest of the season, which includes running in Greece and America.

She said: "As the days passed I knew I could get at medal at Berlin. That put pressure on me, but I think I have learnt how to deal with the big events now."

"It has been an incredible few months, I have been so busy and have not really had time to look back on races. It has been such a difficult year with the injuries in the winter and in May."

The Kent athlete also admitted she is considering running in the 800m, but hasn't committed to the idea quite as much as has been reported.

"The 800m is something my coach George Gandy and I have been talking about," she said. "The stories have been blown out of proportion a bit, but it is something I am thinking about."

# Gills step up chase for Dickson

GILLINGHAM'S pursuit of Chris Dickson will continue next week despite the club missing out on signing the Charlton striker before the transfer window closed.

Last Tuesday's 5pm deadline passed without the two clubs agreeing a deal, although it is believed they came close.

The loan window opens for Football League clubs this Tuesday, which would allow the 24-year-old to stay for up to 93 days – as he did during his original spell at Priestfield two seasons ago.

Gills boss Mark Stimson is still keen to do a deal and will make Andy Pugh and Luis Cumbers available for loan to make room in the wage budget.

"It didn't work out on deadline day, but there's an opportunity it might become

open again with the loan window," he said.

"It's all to do with finances, we're right on the limit at the moment so we've got to try and maybe get one or two out to help."

This week Charlton manager Phil Parkinson claimed the Gills' offered to sign Dickson for free by taking on the final year of his contract. While that was unacceptable to the Addicks boss, he did say the club would not stand in the striker's way if he wanted to go out on loan.

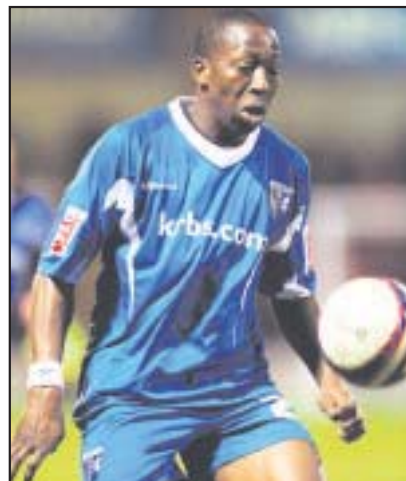
The move would help ease the burden on the Gills' top scorer Simeon Jackson. Stimson, who was relieved not to lose his prized asset in the transfer window, admits the squad are over-reliant on the Canada international, with Jackson netting half the club's goals up to yesterday's game with Exeter.

The Gills boss said: "The record of the guys we've got here apart from Jacko, states they're not regular goalscorers. If he was to get injured or miss a few games it would seem to be a problem."

One player who could miss out if Dickson is signed would be Mark McCammon, who up to this weekend had yet to get off the mark this season. Although it would put his own place in jeopardy, the 31-year-old insists he would welcome the competition.

He said: "I don't really care whoever the club brings in. Football is dog eat dog, it's part of the game and you need competition in all areas to do well and progress throughout the season."

• **For a report and reaction from the Exeter game, log on to [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk).**



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**TARGET:** Former Gills striker Chris Dickson

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**OPERATION:** Robbie Joseph has been out since dislocating his shoulder in June

# Joseph puts surgery off in bid to return

ROBBIE Joseph hopes to give Kent a boost by making himself available for the last month of the season before he undergoes an operation on his shoulder, *writes Glenn Pearson.*

The Kent fast bowler has missed the last two months after dislocating his shoulder for the second time this summer in a Twenty20 game against Surrey in June.

The 27-year-old could have opted to go under the surgeon's knife earlier this summer, but would have meant ruling out any form of cricket for the remainder of the season, something he was keen to avoid.

Joseph returned to action this week in a 2nd XI County Championship game against the MCC Universities, which finished on Friday, but was only able to bowl just one spell due to soreness in the shoulder.

It looks as though being available for Kent's championship game against Middlesex at Uxbridge next week will come too soon for the former Sutton Valence schoolboy, who admits it has been a hugely frustrating campaign.

"It's been a bit slow," he told Kent on Sunday. "I need an operation, that's something I have always known, it's just whether or not I would play again this season before I have it done."

"I thought that while I could still play cricket, it was best to try and play as much as possible because you never know what is going to happen next year with injuries."

The injury first became a problem in a pre-season friendly at Canterbury and resurfaced at The Oval where the second dislocation, suffered when fielding, was more severe than the first.

It has limited Joseph to just four championship and a handful of limited overs games this season, and has once again interrupted his career.

The Antiguan-born bowler suffered at the start of his career at Kent with injury and form, but turned the corner last year when he claimed 55 championship wickets which later led to England recognition.

Joseph, who returns to Antigua to be with his family this winter, admits this summer has been a stark contrast compared with the highs of last season.

"This time last year I felt on top of the world and if someone was to tell me I was going to miss the most of next season, I would have said 'no chance'," he said.

"It's been incredibly frustrating because there have been times when I have run in and nothing has been wrong, and others when I've run in and nothing's been right."

"It's a learning curve and I just have to look at some other players that have been injured and come back."

"If I can play a part in us going back up in the County Championship then that would be great, but the guys look like they are doing well."

Picture: ADY KERRY



**SPRAIN:** Joe Denly fell playing football

## Denly injury not as bad as first feared

KENT'S Joe Denly has been ruled out of England's second One-Day International against Australia after picking up an injury playing football ahead of the opening game of the series.

The Kent and England opening batsman also missed Friday's clash with the Aussies after getting his studs caught in the turf at The Oval on Thursday and went over after a challenge from team-mate Owais Shah.

The 23-year-old had a scan which revealed a small sprain to the knee and he will continue to receive treatment over the weekend before undergoing a further assessment early next week which will determine a recovery timescale.

England captain Andrew Strauss said: "We are all excited about having Joe in the squad. It looks like he has the capability of playing all the shots you need at the top of the order and hopefully he will be able to play some part in the series."

# A Kent return to The Mote edges nearer

By **GLENN PEARSON**

THE Mote took a step closer to hosting first-class cricket after a four-year hiatus, when Kent's 2nd XI played a County Championship game at the ground this week.

The ground at Willow Way in Maidstone was struck off the county list in 2005 after Kent were deducted eight points following a low scoring game against Gloucestershire during that season.

It signalled the end of 140 consecutive years of hosting Kent fixtures, which included an annual cricket week, but that could be all set to change after the club's second team played at The Mote against the MCC Universities this week.

First innings scores of 352 for 5 and 280 for 9 on a re-laid wicket represents a good start for the Maidstone ground.

### Condition

Kent chief executive, Paul Millman, told Kent on Sunday the game will be evaluated by the county's staff, but wasn't able to confirm whether The Mote would be in a position to host first-class cricket as soon as next season.

"It's difficult to say," he said. "We have always said we wanted to go back to The Mote but at the moment it is a year-by-year process."

"We have played representative stuff at the ground and have been looking at the condition of the wicket ever since we came away, but we are not in a position to make a commitment."

"The other thing we have to think about is the change in structure of the domestic fixture list."



**COUNTY MATCH:** Kent 2nd XI took on the MCC Universities at The Mote this week

The Mote chairman, Michael Cutler, is one of a number of administrators in the county who will be eager to hear the feedback from the game that finished on Friday.

After four years of work on the strip at the ground, he confessed the county town is eager to see Kent return, but feels that may have to be in 2011 after hosting another season of second team cricket.

"Everybody would like cricket back at Maidstone, certainly we would and I'm sure Maidstone Borough Council would too," he said.

"It's the first senior representative game since they went away and I imagine everybody will be keen to see how the wicket played. I think it would be a real boost for the town if Kent return, we remain hopeful."

All eyes will be on Kent's fixture list for next season, both for the first-team and sec-

ond team. Also, with redevelopment work at St Lawrence set to get under way later this year, it's likely the county would like to have options in taking the game around Kent, but Millman insists conditions and timing has to be right.

"Playing conditions are the key," he said. "It's a lovely ground, the bowl is terrific and the support at The Mote has always been terrific. We are always keen to play cricket around the county and The Mote has a long history of hosting games."

"For it to work you have to draw a parallel with Tunbridge Wells and Beckenham. We have had significant help from both councils and in the past we always had good help from Maidstone council."

"If it could all be brought together then we can look at it."

## REMAINING KENT FIXTURES FOR 2009

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
LV County Championship – Division Two  
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Kent v Warwickshire – Canterbury

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
LV County Championship – Division Two  
Kent v Leicestershire – Canterbury

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
LV County Championship – Division Two  
Gloucestershire v Kent – Bristol

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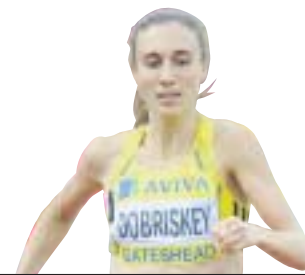


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# KEY SURREY MOVE RUMOURS DENIED

**EXCLUSIVE**

By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT have rubbished speculation linking club skipper Rob Key with a move to Surrey.

The Kent captain is believed to have been targeted as a player to help Surrey out of the doldrums after a year that has seen them struggle in all forms of the game.

They finished bottom of their group in the Friends Provident Trophy, second bottom in Twenty20, are currently second bottom in Division Two of the Pro40 and continue to struggle in the County Championship.

Chris Adams, the former Sussex captain, is now cricket manager at The Brit Oval and has started rebuilding the side having signed the highly-rated Worcestershire wicketkeeper Steven Davies and off-spinner Gareth Batty.

### No truth

Surrey also offered a contract to Kent vice-captain Martin van Jaarsveld earlier this season, but the South African turned down a move to remain at St Lawrence until 2012.

Kent's chairman of cricket, Graham Johnson, told Kent on Sunday there was no truth in the rumours about Key, but revealed the skipper is likely to be offered a contract beyond 2011 when his current deal expires.

"This time of year there are always rumours but it doesn't surprise me because Rob is a quality player and captain," he said.

"What I would say is that he is under contract at Kent past this year, so it's all a bit like flying in the wind. He will not be going anywhere this year because he is under contract and we are keen to talk to him about a longer contract in the future.

"He is a vital member of our side and integral to what we are trying to achieve

## County chiefs to talk to skipper about new St Lawrence contract



**HATS OFF:** Kent say skipper Rob Key is vital to the club's future

Picture: ADY KERRY

as a club." Surrey have also been linked with other players such as Middlesex and England batsman, Owais Shah, but Key,

THE club are also awaiting international clearance for their overseas bowler and may be forced into shelving their plans if he isn't available for next week's County Championship game with Middlesex.

The county signed a fast bowler last week, but haven't been able to announce who it is because he is yet to be given clearance to play for the club. He missed the championship game with Derbyshire that finished yesterday and won't be available for today's Pro40 game with Lancashire at Old Trafford.

Chairman George Kennedy admitted that with games running out, the club may have to finish the remainder of the season without an overseas player.

He said: "We could have done with him at Derby as a bowler but that wasn't to be. We still haven't heard anything and time is getting on."

who together with coach Graham Ford have made Kent a force in the one-day game, will not be one to join the new Surrey revolution.

Club chairman George Kennedy said: "We would not be happy to lose our captain as we feel he is doing a pretty good job and is someone we are building the team around.

"He has said nothing to the club about it and he's under contract, so I don't see any reason for him going."

## Hamilton backing Paffett to win DTM crown

KENT'S Gary Paffett has his eyes firmly set on regaining the DTM Championship lead with the series returning to light up Brands Hatch this afternoon.

The event will attract one of the biggest crowds of the season at the Kent circuit with the world's fastest touring car drivers – including Bromley's Paffett, Tom Kristensen and Ralf Schumacher – all fighting tooth and nail around the 1.2-mile indy circuit.

Motorsport fans will also get the chance to meet reigning Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton, who will also be at the event.

After a disappointing 2008, racing in a year-old car, Paffett, the 2005 DTM champion, has returned to the forefront of the sport, driving for one of the series' top teams. This year the



**TEAM-MATE:** F1 champion Lewis Hamilton

28-year-old is a major contender for the title and lies in third place in the standings going into this afternoon's race.

A British driver is yet to win a round of the DTM at Brands Hatch and McLaren Formula One test driver Paffett is determined to be the first to do so.

He said: "For me, the DTM race at Brands Hatch is the highlight of the season every year. It's a great pleasure to drive in my home country, in front of my friends and relatives. I am sure the British fans will support me well."

One person Paffett can guarantee on his support is McLaren F1 team-mate, Hamilton.

It's been a frustrating season in F1 this year for the world champion, but he is backing Paffett to pick up a win at his home round of the championship.

He said: "I will be supporting all the Mercedes-Benz DTM drivers, however, a victory for a British driver in a Mercedes C-Class in front of their home crowd would be fantastic so I'll be cheering on Gary."

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